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By ANDREW DETTRE

Top four, what a bonanza!

How the NSL must regret not having scheduled a top four series for 1983.

This year's battle to reach the series would have been the most exciting on record as the 3-point system for wins has made the table extremely volatile.

It would have been possible to have up to 10 teams retain some hope with two rounds to go; leapfrogging three, even four positions on the ladder is a common occurrence.

It was a pretty mindless decision which led to the scrapping of the top four.

One reason was the financial disaster of last year's Grand Final in Penrith which, through some mysterious calculations and deductions, gave the winners St. George less than \$1,000 as their share. ***

Another contributing factor was what the ASF called our "crowded schedule."

The end of the season Cup final and the planned November international tournament, we were told, wouldn't allow any room for the semi-finals, final and grand final.

With the international tournament is on the verge of collapse or at least scaling down.

As for the Cup final, that's still on — but not many would even remember who the finalists are, the quarter-finals having been played months ago.

Now, if the November tournament is called off and the Cup final is a flop, we will have the most miserable season-ending on record.

The 1984 season will then start on a sour note, without much enthusiasm — and so our downhill ride will continue into the sunset.

I wonder when will our Leading Lights in the Administration realise that in our peculiar set-up and geographical isolation, a Top Four series provides just about the only incentive for teams.

Without that, why should teams really bother? What's the reward for finishing fourth — or even first? Zilch.

Sydney City won three titles in a row and almost went into voluntary liquidation.

Sport without incentives loses its meaning. Whether it's gold medals, money, fame or travel, there must be a motivating force in sport; otherwise it becomes mere recreation.

Can anybody please tell me what the incentive in this year's NSL is?

Why should a Leichhardt, Brisbane City or Footscray redouble their efforts in order to finish fourth — if the practical value of a 10th place is exactly the same?

In Europe it's vastly different. Teams strive to finish as high as possible to qualify for the three Euro Cups — Champions, Cupwinners or UEFA.

In top soccer nations, such as Italy, England, Germany or Spain, even a fifth, sometimes sixth place can qualify a team for the UEFA Cup — and a possible financial bonanza.

Here, in the NSL, the championship tag carries a whiff of glamour, perhaps — but second and 13th rank equal in value. Some incentive. ***

If the ASF-NSL bigwigs don't want to restore a Top Four on a regular basis, they should examine the possibility of launching a post-competition international series for the top clubs of the region — Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and anybody else who cares to join.

Europe, South America and Africa all have their own international club series, one way or another; there is no reason why Asia — at least South-East Asia — and Australasia couldn't organise one, too.

And wouldn't it be something if, for once, Australia took the initiative in bringing this about? ***

While harping on the subject of incentives, let me detour briefly and indict the ASF for having failed, to this date, to work out a proper promotion and relegation system to the NSL.

And all this after seven years. ***

Originally it was announced that there would be no relegation for three years so that clubs can consolidate themselves.

But surely, in the subsequent four years, all those people who so much love to jet to innumerable interstate executive and council meetings, could have come up with some reasonable plan.

One must, albeit reluctantly, sympathise with the disenchanted State Federations whose cussed opposition to the NSL is partly based on the lack of a promotion system.

Let's not be too surprised that many States don't want to support the expansion of an NSL, an enterprise which for seven years has been a closed shop.

And unless the ASF at long last works out some sort of modus operandi, they can count on the States viewing all NSL activities as an elitist coup.

Antolovic rocking to the top with Croatia



Paul Lewis

Jozo Antolovic, ex-disc jockey and lover of rock-blues fusion bands such as King Crimson, Genesis and The Moody Blues, is the tough man in midfield for Melbourne Croatia.

Listening to LP records and watching TV have improved his command of English since he arrived here in March, 1982. And playing under the coaching of John Gardner has greatly improved Croatia, according to Antolovic.

"Johnny Gardner has put discipline into the team. That's the big difference between Croatia in 1982 and Croatia in 1983," he says.

Antolovic played with Olimpia Osijek in Yugoslavia. Dom Kapetanovic, former Sydney Croatia and Marconi boss, coached Antolovic at Olimpia.

"What can I say about Kapetanovic other than that he was the man who took Olimpia into First Division? We had

been in Second Division for 21 years. Now Olimpia is a top club, with one of the youngest teams in the whole of Europe."

Antolovic spent all his soccer days in Yugoslavia as a sweeper, but since coming here has been used almost exclusively in midfield. He says he's "forgotten" a lot about playing sweeper. Anyway, his idea of where the position should be played is a far departure from the norm in this country.

"Sweepers in my country love to go forward. Not here. You play like an extra central defender. I don't like that. Keith Adams is our sweeper at Croatia but he stays back most of the time. He's a good player and he could come forward a lot more, but that's not the way the position is played in Australia."

Antolovic played a handful of games in Croatia's reserves when he first arrived before breaking into the first team and he's now an established senior player. He adds bite to Croatia's midfield but last

year he encountered the wrath of a few referees.

"Last year I lost control a couple of times and got sent off. I was a new face and I think that some referees picked on me. I haven't changed the way I play this year but as far as I have got two yellow cards."

When Antolovic arrived, Bill McArthur was coaching Croatia but he was replaced by Mijo Kis after 10 league games.

"Bill McArthur is a very good person and very good coach. I was sorry for him when he was sacked. Mr Kis is a nice person but he doesn't really talk soccer language and he was dealing with young players, which made his job harder because he was a much older man."

Antolovic worked as a waiter at the Hotel Hilton for six months last year. He says the job helped him to pick up English fairly quickly and he enjoyed meeting so many different people. He's enjoying life here and he plans to settle.



Jozo Antolovic

He says Green Gully Ajax is the strongest team in State League. He says that Croatia's midfield isn't much, but experience of players such as Peter Boyle, Willie Vassallo and Jim Williams of Ajax but says that he, Jeff Faulkner, Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic all have many playing years ahead and will develop into a crack midfield.

"I felt a bit lonely in midfield last year. We were not as physically strong as Ajax and we always had trouble against them. If we played good we would lose. If we played bad, we would lose. That's the same this year, even though we're a better team than last year. I think we have to try something different when we play them, something special, just for these games."

"Paul Lewis is the most dangerous player in Australia. He is the fastest forward here and Ajax just waits until it can play through balls for him. No-one can catch him."

"Josip Biskic and Tommy Cumming are our main forwards. We wouldn't be as good without them."



Docherty leaving?

It may be only a matter of time before Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty (pictured) returns to England.

His wife has returned already.

And after being abused by supporters during the recent match against St. George, Docherty said:

"I'll take all the verbal abuse they want to throw at me and they can shout their heads off but I will not stand being abused on anyone."

"If they want to spit on a coach, they can get someone else. I certainly won't stand for it."

Docherty's criticism of supporters prompted Sydney Olympic president Jim Petrelli to say in the Greek-language newspaper "Neos Kosmos" that a coach should not make remarks about the fans.

Docherty, who joined Olympic from South Melbourne Hellas late last year, has a contract until the end of 1984.

Makedonia set to race away

George McMillan returns to strengthen Makedonia's bid for the championship, Sydney City Hakaoah may drop further behind by losing to Hellas at Middle Park and Sydney fans will be treated to a three-match programme at St George Stadium on Sunday.

The triple bill starts with an Australia v. New Zealand under 15 match at 1pm, followed by St George v. Adelaide City at 2.30 pm and APIA v. Marconi at 4.15 pm.

Murray Barnes will miss the clash between Hellas and Sydney Hakaoah, which has been held to scoreless draws by West Adelaide and APIA in successive weeks. If Hakaoah loses, Makedonia could race six points clear at the top.

Barnes was cautioned last Saturday, pushing his penalty points total over the limit, so he will have to serve a one-match suspension.

Hellas, meanwhile, is at full strength and despite its loss to Adelaide City last weekend, looks good for a win against Hakaoah on Sunday.

Carl Haldin maintained his fine form against Adelaide City, but it's up to the Hakaoah midfield, to give Alan Davidson and Oscar Cirio space and time to create forward moves.

The match features three of the most deadly strikers in the country — John Kosmina who has nine goals so far, and Hellas pair Doug Brown and Charlie Egan who have eight each.

Makedonia beat the odds in downing Canberra 1-0 last week, thanks to player-coach Peter Olleront who scored the only goal. Claude Lucchesi, Gary Ward and McMillan missed that match but McMillan is back against Brisbane Lions at Coopers Reserve on Sunday to help counter the talented Russell Stewart.

Unrest at Sydney Olympic and Heidelberg involves two players not getting regular games — Mark Koussas and Juan Toro.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The fans want Koussas to play in Olympia's attack ahead of Steve Paterson who's so fed up with abuse that he says he wants to go home to England. And every time things go

wrong for Heidelberg, the fans argue that it was all because Toro didn't play.

Obviously the only way for

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Murray Barnes



George McMillan

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Where have all the

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

soccer lovers gone?

Often enough we bemoan the falling attendances, posing the question: where have the fans gone?

But in similar fashion, we could also ask: why have some of yesterday's officials and coaches vanished?

It's quite extraordinary, really, how easy it appears for some people soaked in soccer tradition to wrench themselves from the game and disappear for good.

Let's take a few names in Sydney, at random:

Jim Bayutti was the founder of the APIA club, president of NSW. No 2 man in the ASF and the main instigator for Australia to enter its first World Cup in 1965. He is now running his business and is chairman of the Urban Transport Authority. Gone from soccer completely.

Frank Parsons, former Australian international, was also NSW president. A school headmaster — you hardly ever see him at games.

Ian MacAndrew was for years secretary of the ASF. He's still in business in Sydney — another ghost from the past.

Until recently Frank Lowy was chairman of the NSL, now he can't be seen at games, only in his offices at the vast Westfield Corporation.

Much the same can be said about former coaches who, at one time or another, played a prominent role in our soccer.

Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaro, Tony Schwartz, Ferdo Dunaj, Joe Marston and sev-



Jim Bayutti

eral others are completely out of the senior game and only occasionally bob up at matches.

Then—the great players of the 1960s and 1970s: Ninaus, Schauman, Giacometti, Sherwin, Massey, Curry, Moore — where have they disappeared?

Clearly, today's soccer holds no more magic for most of them, otherwise they would have hung onto the umbilical cord somehow.

So next time we wonder why the spectators melt away from the game, we should perhaps try to find out why so many true lovers of soccer also chuck it in and turn to other pastimes.

The loss of so many fine players is perhaps the greatest blow. We must have literally hundreds of former First Division players in Sydney between the ages of 30 and 45 whose skill and experience won't be passed on to future generations.

Do imagine what could be done if our administrators took their task more seriously, and if the available funds were used with greater foresight.

We could divide our cities into geographical zones and assign districts and schools into the care of these Les

Schaumans, Herbert Ninaus and Stuart Sherwin; we could have every corner of the city covered by a highly qualified former star player.

We could have our Juniors taught how to caress and kick the ball by a Leo Baumgartner or Eduardo Massey and not by keen but totally inept fathers, uncles — and often mothers.

I know such a scheme would cost money — but it could be obtained. What is infinitely more difficult to do is organise the plan.

Why? Because it's not spectacular enough, it wouldn't produce results tomorrow or next week and it mightn't even be upmarket-oriented.

And yet, if it could be done, in four years or so and then, after we would be able to send teams to the Youth World Cup which are technically accomplished — and thoroughly up to international standards — not just in guts and stamina and all that but in pure football ability, too.

SIR — As a result of your article on the front page of "Soccer Action" two weeks ago regarding the question of ethnic names and their usage in the N.S.L., I would firstly like to congratulate you on your acceptance of the different nationalities of teams in the N.S.L. and secondly to congratulate those clubs refusing to enter the N.S.L. unless their national names are recognised.

Some readers might say "what's in a name" but I strongly believe in people's nationalities being recognised and considering that the largest portion of soccer supporters in Australia are of ethnic origin I cannot understand why



Leo Baumgartner



Johnny Giacometti

TO THE EDITOR...

clubs with ethnic supporters should be deprived of their ethnic names.

I would especially like to stress in regards to my own club, Preston Makedonia, that 99% of supporters are Macedonian.

About half of these supporters come from parts of Macedonia where they are deprived of their national identity and it is therefore very sad that even though they are now living in a democratic and so-called multi-cultural society, they are forced here which would still go to any length to make sure that their national identity and name are suppressed.

On the few occasions that my club has been shown on "Match of the Day," the sup-

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Davo, Russell, Bozanic in \$800,000 class



Wallace Odzakov Sharne

Watching Macedonia v. South Melbourne Hellas on TV recently, I was most impressed by the organisation of the Hellas team.

Since Len McKendry took over as coach eight weeks ago, Hellas has been beaten only twice — a tremendous achievement.

Talking to Alan Davidson of Hellas, his message is: "Watch out for Hellas! There's a lot of spirit in the team and — the morale is sky-high."

I also liked Makedonia's Zarko Odzakov.

Watching him on TV, he looked a stylish player with a lot of experience behind him.

Watch the diet

What is the proper diet for a soccer player?

Reading the views of a dietitian, we find that the body needs three basic materials to function properly — carbohydrates, protein —

The proportion should be 60 per cent carbohydrates, 15 per cent protein and 25 per cent fats.

Foods like steak, chicken, fish and vegetables are sources of all three groups.

It's also important to eat a lot of fresh fruit because they contain A, B and C group vitamins which developed athletes require.

No player should start heavy physical exercise with a full stomach or with hunger pains.

Meals should be taken at least three hours before strenuous activity.

As far as liquids are concerned, when you play a game you lose heat through perspiration so you also lose salt, which has to be replaced.

Milk or salty broths are recommended to restore the body's balance quickly.

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Neil Banfield of Adelaide City Juventus is determined to go out with a bang.

Heideberg, who will return to England at the end of the season, climbed to within three points of joint leaders Charlie Yankos (Heideberg) and Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Neither O'Connor nor Yankos polled votes last Sunday.

David Ratcliffe (St. George) climbed to fourth place and Zarko Odzakov (Marconi) to sixth place.

Meanwhile, Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic maintained his lead in the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer's award, although he did not increase his tally.

JAMIE PATON (J.U.S.T.) made the biggest advance,

scoring three goals to lift his tally to nine goals.

This week's votes:

- HEIDECKERG-LEXANDER-1 (Campbell) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (Barton, Wilkinson, Petkovski, Marton) at Olympic Village, Crowd about 2000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:
- 6. Skeet (St. G), 5 Marton (St. G), 4. Tansy (H), 3. Ratcliffe (St. G), 2. Leah (H), 1. R. O'Shea (St. G).

BORIS LIONS 1 (Wright) APIA-LEICHARDT 1 (Morsello) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Wright (BL), 5. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 4. Bradley (APIA), 3. Vincent (BL), 2. J. Stewart (BL), 1. Bertogna (APIA).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1 (Brown) NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Kirby) at Marconi

Stadium. Crowd 3272. Votes by Andrew Detre:

- 6. Mason (N), 5. Henderson (M), 4. Watson (N), 3. Djordjevic (M), 2. Senkalski (N), Serafini (M).

CANBERRA ARROWS 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Ollerton) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1875. Votes by Peter Windsor:

- 6. Hoszowski (C), 5. Ambrosino (C), 4. Odzakov (Mak), 3. Wilson (Mak), 2. Bryant (C), 1. Ollerton (Mak).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 3 (Paton 3) WOLLONGONG 1

(Cotton) at Schineller Reserve. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Peter Desira:

- 6. Paton (JUST), 5. Kyriakoules (JUST), 4. Curovic (JUST), 3. Cotton (W), 2. McDowell (JUST), 1. Bell (JUST).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Banfield pen.)

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 2300. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

- 6. Banfield (AC), 5. Flounders (AC), 4. Rankin (AC), 3. Egan (SM), 2. Halford (SM), 1. McNally (AC).

(AC), 3. Egan (SM), 2. Halford (SM), 1. McNally (AC).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 8 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 589. Votes by Roger Dewick:

- 6. Heys (WA), 5. Robertson (SC), 4. Watson (SC), 3. Hiern (WA), 2. Dunn (WA), 1. de Marigny (SC).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 BRISBANE CITY 3 (Fabrizio, Broomfield, Williamson) at St. George Stadium. Crowd 3356. Votes by Roger Dewick:

- 6. Wishart (BC), 5. Rogers (SO), 4. Fabrizio (BC), 3. Giocchner (BC), 2. Williamson (BC), 1. Jennings (SO).

LEADERS:

60. Yankos (H), O'Connor (W).

57. Banfield (AC).

53. Ratcliffe (St.G).

52. Davidson (SM).

50. Odzakov (Mak).

46. Bryant (C), Greedy (St.G), 45. Sermanni (M) Kyriakoules (JUST).

44. Wright (BL), Burke (N), 43. Bradley (APIA), 42. Hoszowski (C), Heys (WA), 40. Henderson (M), 39. Jones (Mak), Lowe (N), 37. Skeen (St. G), Bertogno (APIA).

35. Crino (SM), Carroll (JUST), Tokesi (BC), P. Tredinnick (APIA).

34. Honeyman (WA), J. Watson (SC), B. Nykohus (AC).

33. Farina (C), R. Stewart (BL), Vlietstra (W), Lucchesi, G. Campbell (Mak).

32. Halford (SM), Boland (JUST).

31. Katholos (SO), Hunter (BL), Wishart (BC), Mariani (APIA).

30. Murphy (SM), Paterson (Mak), Mason (N).

Top scorers:

1. Wright (SO).

10. Bradley (APIA).

9. Kosmina (SC), O'Connor (W), Ward, Lucchesi (Mak), Paton (KUST).

8. Bryant (C), R. Brown (Mak), Egan, D. Brown (SM), Cotton (W), Mountford (N).

7. Morsello (APIA), Hamilton (BC), Katholos (SO), Gomez (SC), Wright (BL), Lowe (N), Mullen (AC).

6. Gibson (C), Jankovic, Bozanic (Mak), Paterson (SO), Slater, Marion (St.G), J. Campbell, Lea (H), Odzakov (Mak), Mason (N).

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

Sydney Olympic v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at St George Stadium, 3pm.

Record: Newcastle 2 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 11.10 goals.

SUNDAY

Wollongong v HEIDECKERG ALEXANDER at Ziems Park, Corrimal, 3pm.

Record: Wollongong 3 wins, 0 draw, 2 losses, 10.7 goals.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v Adelaide City Juventus at St George Stadium.

Record: Adel.C 7 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 24.8 goals.

Brisbane City v Footscray JUST (draw) at Spencer Park, 3pm.

Record: JUST 4 wins, 5 draws, 3 losses, 16.14 goals.

APIA-LEICHARDT v Marconi-Fairfield at St George Stadium, 4.15pm.

Record: APIA 4 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 13.14 goals.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Brisbane Lions at Connor Reserve, 3pm.

Record: Makedonia 2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 9.7 goals.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v Canberra Arrows at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.

Record: West Adel. 6 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 21.13 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park, 3pm.

Record: Hakoah 7 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses, 19.12 goals.

Paterson fed up

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coaches Tommy D'Oherty and Ken Morton to silence the critics is by winning.

Heideberg has a good chance this week, against troubled Wollongong (see separate story) but Olympic looks doomed to defeat against title-chasing Newcastle KB United.

- Craig Mason should rule the midfield for Newcastle, and central defenders Burke and Watson look capable of holding Marshall Soper and Koussas if he replaces Paterson.

Footscray J.U.S.T. unbeaten for eight weeks now — by far the N.S.L.'s longest unbeaten run in the N.S.L. — aims for two more "firsts".

J.U.S.T.'s highest points total in one season was 25 in

1981. So far this season, J.U.S.T. has 28, but if you revert to the old system of two points instead of three for a win, J.U.S.T. would have 21. One of the club's aims is to better the 25-point "record" and the other is to help Jamie Paton win the N.S.L. top scorer award. His hat-trick against Wollongong last weekend gave him a total of nine for the season — only two less than top-scorer Marshall Soper (Olympic).

West Adelaide Hellas, plagued by similar intrigues as Olympic and Heideberg, is the lowest-scoring team in the league, but its resolute defence is likely to pave the way for a victory over Canberra at Hindmarsh.

Under the reorganisation proposals, the N.S.L. will be increased in size from 16 to 24 clubs. This involves adding four clubs from the NSW State League and four clubs from the Victorian State League.

In Victoria, the eight N.S.L. clubs would form their own youth league instead of running secondary teams in V.S.F. leagues.

This means there would be four vacancies in the State League and four in the Metropolitan League, giving eight clubs the chance to be promoted.

Competition for places in the new-look N.S.L. is hotting up, with Sutherland making a strong bid to join Croatia, Melita Eagles and Blacktown City in the northern region, and Fawkner launching a determined drive to be included in the southern region.

Much has been said about the other candidates, including Juventus, Croatia, Ajax and George Cross, but Fawkner believes its credentials are at least equally as good, and its crowd support among the highest in the present State League.

Former president Greg Schipano points to the club's impressive social club and floodlit home ground, its strong financial sponsorship and a team studded with former N.S.L. stars and talented youngsters.

Meanwhile, a number of changes are likely to the rules of the 1984 N.S.L.

As regionalisation will cut travel costs, it is likely that the two-substitute rule will be reinstated.

There is also talk about scrapping three points for a win and going back to the two-point system.

No wages for the Wolves

Wollongong is in serious danger of disintegration following a club decision to suspend payments to its players until the end of the season — provided funds are available.

The Wolves board told a players' meeting last week the club was not in a position to pay its players because of a cash shortage.

Chairman Laurie Kelly told the players the club had to pay its National League dues and other creditors and could not meet the players' payments.

This move did not receive a warm reception from the 13 contracted players.

One player said the measure would not help the team's morale while another went further by saying several players were considering leaving the club at the end of the season.

"The club cannot expect the players to play for nothing," he said.

"We're professionals and it is obvious we must seek better conditions of employment."

The Wollongong board will meet on Monday to discuss the latest developments in a season which is proving to be a disaster — both on and off the field.

The team is bottom of the league and has yet to win a match at home.

In a final bid to ease the financial situation, the club has raised its admission fee from \$4 to \$5.

But it remains to be seen what effect this rise will have on the remaining games at Ziems Park.

— PHILIP MICALLEF

Mitchell scores for Rangers

David Mitchell, bought from Sydney City Hakoah for \$29,000, made a dream debut for Glasgow Rangers, scoring after only three minutes in the Scottish League Cup win over Queen of the South on Saturday.

Mitchell prodded home a chance set up by Ally McCoist. That put Queen of the South 0-5 behind on aggregate in this second-leg tie, but they pulled one back when Rangers' Craig Patterson headed into his own net.

McKinnon restored the advantage for the Ibrox side and Cooper and McCoist added late goals to make the match score 4-1.

Mitchell has scored eight goals in 13 games for Australia. He also scored two goals in 14 games for the Australian youth team.

National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1. (1) Preston Makedonia	8	2	1	22	11	4	5	2	43
2. (2) Sydney City Hakoah	7	4	0	18	6	4	3	4	32
3. (3) Newcastle KB United	6	3	3	18	7	5	1	4	31
4. (4) St George Budapest	5	4	1	12	7	4	4	4	29
5. (5) South Melbourne Hellas	4	3	4	14	14	5	2	4	28
6. (9) Brisbane City	4	5	2	17	15	4	3	4	27
7. (7) APIA-Leichhardt	7	2	2	22	9	2	2	7	26
8. (6) Sydney Olympic	5	2	4	17	12	4	2	5	24
9. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	5	3	3	20	16	3	4	4	23
10. (10) Canberra Arrows	6	3	2	23	11	2	1	8	26
11. (11) Adelaide City Juventus	5	2	5	13	12	3	2	6	25
12. (12) Footscray JUST	5	3	3	14	18	2	4	5	23
13. (14) West Adelaide Hellas	4	4	4	13	15	1	5	4	22
14. (13) Heideberg-Alexander	5	2	4	14	11	0	6	5	20
15. (15) Brisbane Lions	5	1	5	19	17	0	4	7	26
16. (16) Wollongong	0	7	3	13	16	2	3	7	17



PATRICK

'Keegan' screw-in

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72 goals for Jamie Paton

Foots JUST 3
Wollongong 1

Scorers: 0-1 Paton 10m,
1-1 Paton 44m, 2-1 Paton
65m, 3-1 Paton 85m.
Ground: Schindler Reserve
Attendance: 1500 (estimat-

te)

Referee: Even Venios 7
Cautions: Gaffney 2, Dunleavy 1, Cole 1, Williams 1.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8; Cacic 8, Kyriakoukos 9, Tutil 8, O'Donnell 8; Taylor 8, McDowell 8, Belic 8; Paton 9, Carroll 8, Purdie 8 (Ljubic 69m). Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7; Willis 7, Dunleavy 7, Vlietstra 6, Fleming 6; Gaffney 6, Ainsworth 6, Kerr 6; Cotton 8, Dickson 6, O'Connor 6. Coach: Phillip Wallace.

One of Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos' pet hates is owing up to mistakes.

But he already willingly has conceded to Zika Karic, his counterpart from JUST, that the biggest error he made this year was to let Jamie Paton lead the club.

So it's just as well that Goulopoulos was not at Schindler Reserve on Sunday, for he might have ended up tearing out his neatly-parted hair watching Paton return to his deadliest around the six-yard box to notch up a hat-trick while the Bergers were once again frittering away chances against St George.

Paton has taken on a new lease of life at JUST, establishing a good understanding with Joe Carroll and regaining the cool sniffer instinct that had last seen the 21-year-old goal in six years in Australia (10 for Prahran Slavia and 42 for Heidelberg). His total, including the nine for JUST, now is 72.

On Sunday his exploits were single handedly responsible for JUST notching three goals in a game for the first time this season.

He grabbed his first on the stroke of half time, following a good break and an equally good cross from Ken Taylor on the right flank. Ian Purdie got a touch but stumbled and recovered sight of the ball only as Paton stepped in and put it into the net from close range.

For his second, Paton took advantage of total confusion between central defenders Chris Dunleavy and Ray Vlietstra, who completely misjudged a long sweeping goal-kick from Dennis Boland, to nip in and slot the ball into an empty net with keeper Natch Vardareff hopelessly stranded in no man's land.

The third came five minutes from the end, again from a cross, this time supplied by Brian O'Donnell, and this time finishing off the work of Carrigan who had been weaving the Wolves defenders to weave his way around the box, then supply the pass for Paton to hammer home again from inside the six-yard area.

There could have been a fourth in the final minute when Vardareff could only parry Paton's shot from the right. The ball fell for Vlatko Belic who needed only to side-foot it home but instead tried to blast it and succeeded only in ballooning it over the bar.

The scoring chances emphasised JUST's superiority over an ordinary Wollongong side, with an uncertain defence, a midfield with little fighting spirit, and "an attack that doesn't function unless Phil O'Connor is in form."

The Socceros winger was subdued totally by Suleiman Cacic, who gave a much more disciplined display than the previous week against Heidelberg, and so it was left to Roy Cotton to provide the few attacking moves the Wolves could muster.

Yet it should have been oh so different after a brilliant start in which Wollongong unsettled JUST's rhythm and then had the team rattled with Cotton's 10th minute goal.



Peter Desira

Jeff Ainsworth put the strike through, intercepting a pass from Paton, and Cotton sent a shot just inside the far post past the sprawling Boland to record his ninth goal of the season.

"That goal was the best thing that happened to us. We had started off badly but we stepped up our marking after that and the fighting spirit returned," JUST coach Bobby McLachlan said.

The victory stretched JUST's unbeaten run to eight matches, eclipsing Hellas's revival, which has been given far more prominence.

Zdravko Greedy came on as substitute and added width to the attack on the left flank after returning from a hamstring injury.

And captain Igor Hazabent will come back into contention for a team spot this week after apparently resolving his work commitments which have prevented him from training mid-week.

So with competition for team places fierce and with the spirit among the squad sky high, the large-scale final placing in the top half of the table is a distinct possibility.

In Wollongong's case, the three goals conceded means the side has the worst "goals-against" record in the league — its average is almost two goals against per game.

It's just as well there will be no relegation at the end of the season.



Oscar Crino of Hellas rises above Juventus defender Phil Cole to win an aerial duel. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Skeen stops Bergers, Marton does damage

Heidelberg 1 St George 4

Scorers: 0-1 Barton 18th;
1-1 Campbell 27th; 1-2 Wilkinson 38th; 1-3 Petkovski 41st; 1-4 Marton 82nd.

Venue: Olympic Village.

Crowd: about 2000.

Referee: Chris Cambridge 8.

Cautions: Macleod 6 (HI), Barton (St.G), Tansey (HI).

HEIDELBERG: ALEXANDER Kardamitis 5 — Macleod 6, Yankos 7, Macleod 6, Tansey 8 — Selemidis 5, Spanos 7, Petersen 6 (Toro 62nd) — Cole 6, Campbell 6, Leo 8. Coach: Ken Morton.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8 — Skeen 9, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 8 — Petkovski 7, J. O'Shea 6, Barton 6 (inj. sub. Stone 88th) — Slater 8, Marton 9, Wilkinson 7. Coach: Frank Arok.

This was St George's biggest victory and Heidelberg's biggest defeat of the season. It leaves St George with an outside chance of catching league leader Makedonia, and Heidelberg with the unenviable record of having won only one of its past 11 matches.

Lea Vining for league leadership early in the year, Heidelberg now is in third-last position and in need of a few new players particularly since forward Derek Lea is said to be returning to the UK at the end of the year.

Dez Marton and David Skeen were the stars of St George, while Jim Tansey was the only Heidelberg player to stand out.

Skeen beat every defence who came near him in defence, and Marton, shaking off all opposition,



Laurie Schwab

tion, was back at his most brilliant best, setting up a goal for Paul Wilkinson with a cut-back cross to the far post, and scoring one himself eight minutes from the end, with a bit of help from Robbie Slater.

But Heidelberg was well in the game after Jim Campbell had equalised with his 50th NSL goal in the 21st minute.

Mark Barton had put St George into the lead latching onto the ball a long way out after a corner by Marton had been cleared, and slamming a dipping shot over Spiro Kardamitis, just under the crossbar.

St George had been superior from the start, but Campbell's goal gave the Heidelberg fans new hope.

Lea Vining was playing very well in attack and had a long shot by Mike Petersen tested Budapest's brilliant goalkeeper Terry Greedy — by far the best keeper in the country.

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The old fox speared a through pass down the wing

But when Marton angled back his cross in the 38th minute, Paul Wilkinson was completely unmarked at the far post, and had the easiest of tasks in heading past Kardamitis for goal No. 2.

Peter Petkovski, playing in midfield, moved forward to score his third goal in four matches only three minutes later.

Just before half time, Heidelberg came close to fighting back once more. A shot by Gary Cole was punched away by Greedy, who fell to the ground in the process. Campbell picked up the loose ball and headed it past the bar. Greedy snapped to his feet and flew acrobatically to save Campbell's shot, leaving the half-time score 3-1.

Toro replaced Petersen in the 62nd minute, and Heidelberg attacked with a bit of determination. St George, however, was much too strong and well-organised in defence, where Skeen continued to shine, and David Ratcliffe swept up efficiently.

With everyone pushing forward, the danger of a St George breakaway was ever-present.

It finally came in the 82nd minute, and predictably, it was engineered by Marton.

The old fox speared a through pass down the wing

Hakoah midfield poor

Sydney City 0 West Adel 0

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field

Crowd: 589

Referee: K. Small 7

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 7, Souness 5, Cant 5, Robertson 8, O'Connor 6, Gomez 5, Barnes 5, De Mardi 7, Watson 7, Kosmina 6, Murray 5.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 6, Papageorgiou 5, Dunn 7, Hiern 7, McGregor 7, Atsalas 6, Brennan 5, Doorne 5, Stamatopoulos 5, Heys 8, Brown 5.

It was just as well the crowd was small. The cries of "What a load of rubbish" were not heard by too many but were fully justified.

Hakoah can thank Tony Pezzano for even taking a point.

The terms of scoring chances.

Hakoah beat Wests 10-2.

to Graham Heys in the 56th minute but his well-struck shot from less than 10 metres was blocked by the alert Pezzano.

Apart from that, with few exceptions, it was a non-event. Certainly Martyn Crook was alert and aggressive on four or five occasions when he punched clear but few others showed his alertness.

Hakoah is an ordinary team with it has no effective midfield and without Paul Kay and Neijo Borges it had no midfield at all.

Why Eddie Thomson persists with Ian Souness as a full back (where he is not functioning effectively) when his drive and distribution ability are so desperately needed further forward, remains a complete mystery.

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But without the weight being taken from John Kosmina's shoulders, Hakoah's scoring ability looks thin.

Brenton Hiern, 18, effectively controlled Kosmina but things might have been different had Hakoah had a big target man (David Mitchell — where was he?).

As usual Heys kept on the move all the time but generally most needed and Joe Watson was placed in a similar situation.

Acres of space could be devoted to spelling out all the elementary mistakes from both sides but that would perhaps be a little unfair. It may be kinder to suggest that both can play better and have so often in the past.

Banfield, Flounders kill Hellas attack



Meno Toutsidis

Adel. City 1

SM-Hellas 0

Scorer: Banfield 34th, penalty.

Ground: Olympic Sports Field

Crowd: 2300

Cautions: Blair, Flounders

(AC), Crino, Russell (SM)

Referee: Jim Ross 8

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENILES: McNally 8 — Shillabeer 7, Flounders 9, Banfield 9, Cole 8 — Doda 7, Meita 7, Blair 8 — Muller 6, Rankin 8, Vassil 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Loumets 7 — Russell 6, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 7, Yzendoorn 7 — Murphy 7, Crino 8, Halford 8, Davidson 6, Brown 6, Egan 7.

Arthur Xanthopoulos (left) of Hellas confronts Juventus defender Neville Flounders, but he has support from team-mate Steve Blair (right).



way and the ball cannoned into him.

And five minutes from the end, Ken Murphy unleashed one of those celebrated right foot blasts which goalkeeper Willie McNally tipped over the bar with some difficulty.

Even though Hellas dominated the second half, they did not produce the soccer which has marked their staggering climb from 13th spot which they occupied as recently as July 24.

Oscar Crino, Ken Murphy and Halford had their moments in the midfield which was generally ruled by the Juventus trio of Meita, Blair and Dods.

Juventus travels to Sydney to confront St George on Sunday and even though the Saints thrashed Heidelberg, I'm tipping Jive will take the points.

They are playing so well that a top-four spot is not beyond them, though it should be remembered they have played one game more than the other teams, excluding Wollongong whom they played while the NSL was suspended for the English tour.

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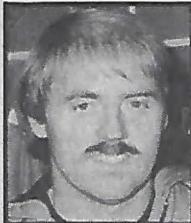
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Peter Ollerton

**Canberra 0
Makedonia 1**

Goal: Ollerton
Venue: Bruce Stadium
MADEONIA: Wilson, B.,
Opasinski, 7, Petrovski, 7,
Iloski, 7, Jones, 7, Todorovski,
7, Campbell, 8, Flavell, 7,
Farrell, 7, Ozdakov, 8, Oller-
ton, 8

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, 8,
Ambrosino, 8, Young, 7, Mur-
ray, 7, Walsh, 7, Gibson, 7,
Bryant, 8, Stone, 7, Farina, 7
Redmond, 7, (Brennan, 65th),
7, MacLaren, 7.

Ref: H. Wilkinson, 7.

Crowd: 1,875

Cautions: Wilson and Stone.

Big Peter Ollerton, leg-
weary but game-wise was
Makedonia's hero as he
scored the solitary goal
against Canberra — a goal
that increased Makedonia's
lead at the top of the NSL.

Canberra did by far the
greater amount of pressing —
particularly in the last 15
minutes — but Makedonia was



Peter Windsor

always creative and dangerous
on the break.

Constantly Canberra's use
of the high ball enabled Makedonia's
big midfield and back-line

to dominate in the air.

But Makedonia didn't
look like out-and-away NSL
front-runners.

Perhaps their secret lies in
Peter Ollerton's summation of
the game: "Consistency is
what today's NSL is all about."

"And we are consistent.
Last weekend's abomination
apart, we rarely give much
away at the back and we take
our chances."

"Today we should have had
the game won by half-time. We
created the chances but squandered
several."

"Only once did Canberra
really beat the defence — and
that was late in the game."

That's true, and it came
when front-runner Don Mac-
Laren burst through on the left
flank and tried an off-range
ground shot which was
brilliantly saved by Wilson.

Wilson, ex-Canberra, had
one of his best games of the
season.

So too did Canberra's
goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski
— and remember that it was
these two goalkeepers who
used to fight hard to gain a
regular first team spot with
Canberra.

Hoszowski pulled off two
superb saves when goals
looked certain — particularly
the second half with shots
from Zarko Ozdakov and
George Campbell.

Tragically for Canberra Oller-
ton's match — winner came
from a defensive blunder, the
only real blunder of the game.

A headed clearance found
the big fellow well positioned
on the edge of the box and he
brushed aside Canberra's
Andrew Young and placed his
shot well wide of Hoszowski.

But this game? From
Canberra's spectators' point of
view it was nail-biting. The
sense was incredible. And
Canberra did try — desper-
ately — for the equaliser but
just didn't pull it off.

Yet no-one but no-one can
attribute the players of not at
least giving total effort.

Then Canberra pressed in-
cessantly but Makedonia's
defence showed why it has one
of the best records of the competi-
tion.

But this wasn't a game that
Canberra should have lost. A
draw would have been emi-
nently fair.

Canberra's forward line, the
same that crashed against
Newcastle the week before,
just didn't look sufficiently
goal hungry.

And it's hard to say whether
big Tony Brennan has regained
all of his old form. He replaced
Phil Redmond in the 65th
minute and while he was on I
thought he showed something
like total commitment — and
the zest and determination
which traditionally have been
associated with Brennan.

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**APIA hits back but
Wright on way up****Brisb. Lions 1
APIA 1**

Scorers, BL: Wright 64th;
APIA: Morsello 85th.

Caution: Wright (BL)
Venue: Richlands Sta-
dium

Crowd: about 1000.
Referee: Gordon Nichol-
son 5.

LIONS: Beves 6,
McClurg 7, Vincent 8, Vas-
quez 6, Niven 7, R. Stewart
6, J. Stewart 8, Ogden 7
(Anderson 63rd), Hogg 7,
Daunt 8, De Ceglie 6.

APIA: Parkes 7, Carter 7,
Brown 6, Bartogna 8, Mar-
rini 7, Butler 6, Bradley 8,
Gray 6, Morsello 7, P. Tre-
dinnick 8, De Ceglie 6.

Brisbane Lions striker
Danny Wright is set to
become one of the hottest
properties in Australia
when his contract with the
club expires at the end of
this season.

Wright has hit a purple
patch and has been praised
by a number of coaches, in-
cluding Sydney City's Eddie
Thomson and Brisbane
City's Jim Hermiton.

And the red-haired centre
forward impressed everyone,
and no doubt APIA's Phil
Botticelli, who has an individ-
ual goal at Richlands.

Wright got a flick from
substitute Clark Anderson,
his first touch of the ball,
and made a speedy break
down the right flank. Wright
shot into the penalty box but
was cleared by the ball onto
their opponents' legs. Wright
proceeded to weave, turn
and jostle his way around the
APIA pair to give himself a
narrow but clear sight at
goal.

With little more than the
width of the ball open to him
between APIA keeper Rob
Parkes and the upright,
Wright brilliantly squeezed
his shot into the goal.

After playing for several
seasons in a team which has
achieved very little, the
glamor of a top Sydney or
Melbourne side must appeal
to Wright, although the
youngster seems to be con-
tent at Lions.

At this stage I am happy at
Lions, and it doesn't matter
where the team is on the
table. I try to apply myself
as best I can. There haven't
been any southern offers yet,
so until there are I won't

think about moving," Wright
said.

Lions obviously didn't
count on the fighting come-
back by APIA, who were
playing without Peter Shar-
ne, who was reportedly sick.

After being unlucky not to
get a penalty and a goal in
the first half, APIA stormed
home in the final 10 minutes
to snatch the equaliser.

APIA felt they were
robbed of a penalty in the
24th minute, first on a hand
ball by Rob Vincent, then
seconds later for a tackle on
Ian Gray. Then APIA should
have scored through Robert
de Ceglie in the 38th minute,
but his header after a mis-
take by young Lions keeper
Brett Beves went into the
crossbar and Beves caught
the rebound.

Tony Morsello put a shot
onto the upright a minute
before the break.

Lions coach Simon Kis-
temaker gave his team a
half-time blasting and the
Brisbane side was much
more committed in the opening
part of the second half.

But just as Lions seemed
to have the march in their
keeping the tireless efforts
of Bradley and Peter Tredin-
nick began to pay off.

Quick passing through the

APIA Midfield and sensible
running up front opened up
the Lions defence. Beves

saw a shot by Bradley that
seemed certain to go in the
net when Morsello headed the
equaliser from a Tredinnick
cross.

**Wind plays the game,
Kirby a little lucky****Marconi 1
Newcastle 1**

Andrew Dettre

This, however, stifled the
midfield line where McCulloch
and Sermanni were outgunned
and outwitted by their New-
castle counterparts.

Still, the Newcastle goal in
the 31st minute had more than
reasonable doubt about it.

Kirby, lurking on the right
wing, found a ball popping up
in front of him, probably two
metres offside, and placed his
shot under the diving James'
Mason and Senkaski.

Marconi was strangely
defensive, even Attilio Carbone
was pulled back to form a de-
fensive line of five, probably to
negate the absence of regulars
Calderon and Rizzotto.

Out of the blue, Marconi
equalised. In the 41st minute
Licata's measured cross from
the left sailed over Gosling to
the far post where Rod Brown
rose well to nod it home.

The second half saw pre-
cious few constructive moves

Marconi gained its second
wind when Jankovics came on
to replace a slightly injured
Lieft and began to push for-
ward from his ideal position.

With Djordjevic having
moved into the attack, Mar-
coni began to look threatening.

Steve Winn had two good
chances in the goalmouth but,
in his first match after a long
lay off, clearly lacked sharp-
ness.

Then, in the 90th minute, the
visitors almost snatched the
three points: Buckley's cross
from the left was met by
Mountford at the far post but
his diving header missed by in-
ches.

That, actually, was the last
touch of the ball.

**Fabrizio starts it,
Wishart brilliant****Syd Olympic 0
Brisb City 3**

By ROGER DEWICK

straight into Kim Wishart at
his very best.

Four minutes: Wishart brav-
ely at Soper's feet.

Eight minutes: Wishart at
point-blank range from Pater-
son.

Ten Minutes: Wishart from
Papadopoulos.

Fifteen minutes: Wishart at
the feet of Soper again.

Perhaps Olympic should
have packed up there and then
and not leave it until midway
through the second half.

Boos for referee Richard
Lorenz in the 16th minute as he
indicated a dive by Soper in-
stead of an apparent trip by
Liddell six metres from goal.

But all the wishful thinking
in the world does not score
goals. It requires method,
creativity and teamwork and
honest endeavour — all of
which were in short supply for
Olympic.

Plenty of fancy football
without directness or punch
but the City defence was not
going to give in without a
struggle and no way could be
found past it or that magnifi-
cent man in goal.

Playing at 100 kilometres an
hour they went straight for
their opponents and ran

Against all the odds and the
run for play Billy Williamson
beaten the ball out from the
left side to find Fabrizio 35
metres from goal a run for 15
metres, a chip over Meier and
City was one up.

Paterson is off at the inter-
val and Mark Koussas appears.
Not that it makes any
difference to that man Wishart.

A blinding save in the 50th
minute from a well-struck
Katholos free kick really puts
the writing on the wall.

57 minutes: A quick break,
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(St. George)

BANFIELD (4)
(Adel. City)

FLOUNDERS (2)
(Adel. City)

KYRIAKOULEAS (3)
(Just)

MASON (3)
(Newcastle)

MARTON (1)
(St. George)

P. TREDINICK (3)
(APIA)

ADELAIDE ST., ST. ALBANS

WRIGHT (6)
(Brisb. Lions)

PATON (2)
(Just)

HEYNS (3)
(West. Adel.)

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weeks)

Manly, Dee Why merger, Bankstown takeover?

With Croatia and Melita sharing the spoils in the top of the table clash, attention focused on the end of the line as Auburn heaved itself off the bottom for the first time this season.

At long last, Hector Martinez earned his keep at Auburn. Only on for the last 15 minutes, he scored once and set up the second.

With Polonia snatching a late point from Sutherland, the spectre of relegation now looms only in front of Bankstown and Auburn, both of whom have two games to play.

Auburn plays Canterbury next, while Bankstown meets the inconsistent Avala. Whatever these results, the issue still will be in doubt until the final match of the season, when both teams meet at Bankstown Soccer Centre.

In their first clash, Auburn ran out the winners by five goals to four, and as both have weak defences, another goal seems assured.

With Croatia still holding a one point lead over Melita and both with a relatively easy run

home, Croatia must feel confident of hanging on to top spot.

Polonia now is in the hot seat for a spot in the play-offs. With rumours abounding of a merger between it and Dee Why, with \$75,000 from each to go in to strengthen an application to join the new N.S.L. Manly has slipped to 5th place.

Although dropping a point to lowly Polonia at home, Sutherland moved into 4th place on goal difference. It is locked on 24 points with Manly and Kurlingai, but Manly has played one game more than its rivals.

Inter-Monaro is only one point behind these three but confident of hanging on to remain in the top six.

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Everything points to Croatia hanging on to its one point lead, unless the unexpected occurs.

NSW STATE LEAGUE with ROGER DEWICK

Five minutes after the interval following a series of corners, Croatia's Graham Arnold was on hand to net during a goalmouth scramble.

With Melita unable to make an impression, despite the continual foraging of Ray Farugia, coach Raul Blanco put on talented young striker Wayne Farnsworth with 20 minutes to go.

Farnsworth lived up for the forward line and with three minutes left, Croatia keeper Steve Watson was unable to hold his fierce drive and John McKie pushed home the equaliser.

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Sutherland 1 Polonia 1

On chances alone, Sutherland should have won handily but, with its usual lack of killer instinct, failed to force home the advantage and finally threw away a point.

It was a tight affair for most of the day. It was Nick Groome who put Sutherland in front, with Peter Terry and Peter Beiggs missing simple chances to put the game beyond Polonia's reach.

One minute from full time, Sutherland keeper Mal Haynes tipped a 30 metre drive onto the bar and, with no covering support, he was left stranded as a Polonia forward planted home the equaliser.

Sutherland faces apparently weaker opposition in Yugal, Polonia and Canterbury but will need to play better to hang on to 4th spot.

Blacktown 3

As usual, Blacktown took time to warm up, but once into its stride, Bankstown provided little opposition.

In the early stages, Blacktown goalkeeper Barry Hoare was kept active and Robbie Wheatley had his hands full with Bankstown's Alan Bourke. But the end result was predictable after the first goal.

John Larkins broke the deadlock when he netted off the underside of the bar in the 32nd minute and added the second in the 60th minute.

Peter Brogan completed the scoring with four minutes left and consigned Bankstown to the cellar.

Blacktown's second Grade side clinched the premiership with a 3-0 victory.

Bankstown now is in a desperate plight and rumours of a take-over bid by two gentlemen, apparently representing Lebanese interests, can do little for its morale.

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Auburn 2 Yugal 1

Six minutes of frenzied action at the end of the game gave Auburn the precious points which, for the 1st time this year, took it off the bottom.

After a tight, even first half, Auburn's luck changed when Heitor Martinez came on in the 70th minute. He scored in the 84th minute and set up Bob Allen for his goal three minutes later.

Pohar pulled one back for Yugal in the dying seconds but Auburn clung on to victory.

With Canterbury next up and then Bankstown away from home in the last match, Auburn still is not out of the woods, but it is amazing how much confidence a victory can give.

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Avala went to an early lead through Fontana and further opportunities were squandered before Greg Lane smashed home a tremendous 25 metre drive for the equaliser.

John Leney gave his usual 100% effort but was rewarded with a goal in the 71st minute only to see McKenzie up end a Canterbury player in the penalty area four minutes later and his good work went down the drain as the spot kick was converted.

A last minute chance to Canterbury went astray and the honours were left even.

Bobby Moore

Bobby Moore, former West Ham maestro who skippered England to their 1966 World Cup final success, has at last broken into league soccer.

Moore, who recently had to content himself with posts in American and Hongkong soccer, has been appointed chief executive for Third Division Sutherland. His job will be to liaise between directors and management as well as developing the club's commercial sponsorship.

Fillery

Queens Park Rangers have signed Chelsea's top player Mike Fillery, a midfield star who has been 11 years with the Pensioners. Chelsea rated Fillery at \$450,000 but the actual fee will be decided by the Tribunal.

German riot

Police used water cannons to disperse 150 soccer fans who rioted after Eintracht Frankfurt and Borussia Dortmund drew 2-2.

Johnstone

Glasgow Rangers striker Derek Johnstone, 30, who has been with the club 15 years and has many caps for Scotland, is likely to sign for Chelsea with whom he is playing trials.



Julius Kubik



Attila Abonyi

25 years of Melb. juniors

Last year Melbourne Hungarian Soccer Club celebrated its 25th anniversary. This year there is another milestone in the club's life — the juniors are celebrating their silver jubilee.

Twenty-five years ago Joe Abonyi (Attila Abonyi's father) had a vision to organise the Melbourne Juniors.

His first team, in many people's opinion, was the most talented side to grace an Australian soccer field. His team provided the backbone of the most successful Melbourne team, the 1967 Australian Cup winners — Attila Abonyi, Peter Kurta, Ian Shanks and Ernie Surma.

A few months after Joe Abonyi founded the Melbourne Juniors, Julius Kubik joined the club and has ever since been an active member.

At present, he is the president of the juniors. One of his greatest achievements was the introduction of the passport system, in 1966 when he was registrar of the South Yarra Federation.

In the past 25 years Melbourne has produced Socceroos like Attila Abonyi and Duncan Cummings, and many Victorian representatives.

The Melbourne Juniors have won numerous cups, trophies and awards over the years, and even today still are the strongest of junior soccer.

The Melbourne Juniors hope they will have the opportunity to meet former players at the Silver Anniversary reunion which will be held on September 10, at the Brentwood Community Centre, Brendon Park Reserve, Ferntree Gully Road.



Paul Wormley (right), getting the better of Rob O'Shea of St George.

VIC CLUBS CHASE WORMLEY

Para eyes first title

The top three sides in the SA Rothmans League — Para Hills, Beograd and Croatia — will fight out the championship on the last round of the season on Saturday.

The championship will hinge on the Para Hills (22 points) — Croatia (21 points) clash at Para's home ground.

If the draw is drawn and Beograd (21 points) defeats ninth-placed Elizabeth at home, then the Yugoslav-sponsored side will win the title because it has the best goal difference in the league.

Para, however, will march off with its first title if it can account for Croatia.

The premiership could only come to Croatia if it defeats Para while Beograd at least draws a point to Elizabeth.

It will be a dramatic showdown, the most fascinating since the 1981 season when, ironically, Para also met Croatia on the final day of the season on its home ground.

On that occasion, Croatia needed only a draw to win the title. It succeeded, but Para, which needed both points to claim the title, still insists that was deprived a penalty late in the 1-1 draw.

Both Para and Croatia earned draw points in last week's penultimate round.

Para only could draw 0-0 with Campbelltown while Croatia fell 0-1 to Beograd.

While the spotlight will naturally focus on the top three this week, there is also considerable interest on West Adelaide's State League team which is in fifth spot and still has a chance of qualifying for the top four series.

But to do so, it must beat Campbelltown and hope that Polonia, one point ahead with a better goal difference, loses to Birkdale.

Para's draw with Beograd at Elizabeth, Polonia v Birkdale, Campbelltown v West Adelaide, Port v Azzari.

RESULTS: Birkdale 1, Azzari 0; Elizabeth 0, Polonia 1; Croatia 0, Beograd 1; Campbelltown, 0, Para Hills 0; West Adelaide 1, Port Adelaide 1.

THIS WEEK: Para Hills v Croatia; Beograd v Elizabeth; Polonia v Birkdale; Campbelltown v West Adelaide; Port v Azzari.

STANDINGS: W D L F A Pts

Para	8	3	28	17	22	22
Beograd	9	3	5	37	21	21
Croatia	9	3	5	27	21	21
Polonia	8	4	5	28	19	20
West Adelaide	8	5	5	28	20	19
Azzari	6	7	2	15	18	18
Birkdale	6	5	5	21	16	17
Campbelltown	4	8	7	24	18	14
Elizabeth	4	8	7	24	18	12
Port	11	4	12	13	43	5

MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide says it will spend \$150,000 in a buying spree next year.

Last month the club decided to save money by cutting the players' wages and then told striker Paul Wormley that it was sending him home to England.

"I've been playing in Australia for two and a half years and I'm sickened to be treated like that," said Wormley.

"I started off in the Tasmanian State League, moved to the Queensland State League, then joined West Adelaide at the start of this year. To get booted back home is unbelievable."

But Wests' loss could be a Melbourne club's gain. Wormley has been contacted by two Melbourne-based NSL clubs and two State League clubs in the past few days. He's staying with former Townsville mate Bobby McGuinness. The Morwell Falcons striker, before flying back to England this Monday, September 5.

Initially, Wormley was told by West Adelaide coach Alan Vesi, that he had been suspended, along with team mate Micky Brennan, for giving a thumbs-up sign to West supporters. Wormley claims that later he was told by team manager Frank Karlanis that the club was better off financially by sending Wormley back home, seeing that the team could neither win the league nor finish in the relegation zone.

Wormley has an outstanding playing pedigree and at just 21 years old, he's going to make a huge impact on the Australian scene with whichever Melbourne-based club wins the race to sign him. And he's got a free clearance from Wests!

He played with Barnsley and Huddersfield in England. Injury ruined his chance of coming out to Newcastle KB in the late 1970's but once fully recovered, he joined Lancashire Juniors and scored 10 goals in just his first season! Wormley joined Townsville United last year but at the end of the season the Queensland State League folded and Wests jumped at the chance of signing the tall, strong striker for West Adelaide.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Juve, Croatia win titles

West Woden Juventus won its second major trophy of the season when it beat Kambah United 3-0 for the ACT State League championship.

Two weeks earlier, Juventus had won the country division title by beating Downer Olympic 1-0 at Woden Park.

The Kambar defence of Wally Conlon, Brendan Flattery, Wally Hoefel and Frank DePaoli kept Juventus at bay until the 35th minute when Conlon deflected a header from Jack Doherty into his own goal.

But Harry Muench and Anthony Fredrichberg continued to threaten the Juventus

goal, and goalkeeper Dennis Watson made some excellent saves.

Finally however, Jimmy Harkins out-jumped the defence to head Juventus into a 2-0 lead, and a few minutes from the end Harkins scored again from a penalty after Conlon, the man who had scored the own goal earlier, had handled the ball.

Croatia won the ACT under 18 championship by beating Kambah United with goals by Emil Maticic and Andrew Mistolli.

Belconnen United took out the under 23 title 2-1 against ANU, with Chris Winslade equalising an early goal by ANU's Geoff Lee, and Simon Watney notching the winner.

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At right M. Francois Henry presents a sponsorship cheque to Mr Sam Pasavas, Hellas' former president.



SOUTH MELBOURNE



HELLAS—SEVEN TITLES: AND NOW THE CUP?

South Melbourne Hellas shared with Juventus the honor of having won the most championships in the history of top grade soccer in Victoria. South Melbourne has won seven titles in top company: in 1962, '64, '65, '66, '72, '74 and '76.

Now Hellas is trying to win its first NSL title and the National Cup.

The major factors in Hellas's success have been strong spectator support, the flow of funds that results from such support and a constant supply of top-class players, especially forwards. Star forwards who have worn the club's colours over the years include: Con Nestorides, Jim Armstrong, Chris Georgoussis, John Margaritis, Dave Gorrie, Mike Mandalis, Leo Damianakos, Jim Adam, John Anderson, and Ernie Ackerley.

Of the three clubs that formed the South Melbourne of today, South Melbourne United was the oldest. Records show that in 1924, Royal Caledonians—South Melbourne United combination was the Harry Armstrong Cup for reserve teams. Yarra Park and Hellenic both had successful seasons in the State League . . . Hellenic finishing second last in 1958 and Yarra Park last in 1959. South Melbourne United never got higher than First Division.

The records of each of the three clubs from 1955 to 1959 were:

HELLENIC: second to Wilhelmina in Third Division, 1955; third in Second Division behind Wilhelmina and Geelong, 1956; second to George Cross in Second Division, 1957; second last in State League, 1958; second last in First Division North, 1959.

YARRA PARK: third behind Brunswick and Cranbourne Metropolitan South, 1955; champion of Metropolitan South, 1956; champion of Third Division, 1957; champion of First Division South, 1958, last in State League 1959.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED: third behind Slavia and Prahran in Second Division South, 1955; fifth in Second Division, 1956; third behind George Cross and Hellenic in Second Division, 1957; second to Yarra Park in First Division South, 1958; fourth in First Division, 1959. Yarra Park's 1959 season was a disaster. Suffering defeats of 0-13 to J.U.S.T., 0-12 to Wilhelmina and Slavia and 0-8 to Hakoah and Moreland, it won only one game and finished with a points total of four . . . seven behind Geelong.



South Melbourne Hellas' 1976 State League champion team. Back row: Mike Pye, Lou Tsigaris, Gary Groenewald, Howard Andres, Jim Mackay, Jim Armstrong, Steve Walker, John Kennedy, club official. Front row: John Daperis, Peter Bourne, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Duncan Cummings, Giovanni Batticciotto, Peter Ollerton, Chris Kalafatidis.

1960, its first year of competition, South Melbourne Hellas won the First Division North championship by an incredible 12 points. The club was undefeated that year drawing only once — 3-3 with Corio. It collected 35 points and scored 79 goals to 11. Its players that season included George Papadopoulos, Peter Tzaponis, Chris Pliakas, John Margaritis, Savas Lambabisidis (ex-Panathinaikos), Harry Vamvakas, Tony Karagiannis, Jim Mantarakis, John Hadzigeorgiou, Chris Georgoussis and Stefan Fortunatos. South Melbourne had so much talent that year that it also won the reserve grade from Coburg and Sunshine City and reached the semi-finals of the under-17 J. J. Liston Cup before being beaten by the strong North Sunshine, 8-2. South Melbourne also reached the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup and Armstrong Cup, before going down 0-2 and 0-3 to Hakoah in the respective competitions.

The following year, 1961, Hellas managed fifth place in the State League which was a good result at its first attempt. The ladder in order that year, was: Polonia, George Cross, Wilhelmina, Hakoah, South Melbourne, Slavia, J.U.S.T., Melbourne, Juventus, Moreland, Richmond and Box Hill. In the Armstrong Cup, South Melbourne lost the semi-final 1-4 to Wilhelmina which went on to win the trophy.

Manolis Polakis came from Egypt to coach South Melbourne in 1962 and he led the club to its first State League championship.

In 1963 South Melbourne recruited Victorian representative Tommy Anderson from George Cross and John Anderson from Hakoah. Tommy Anderson now is a prominent soccer writer. But despite these star recruits, the season was not a successful one, with South Melbourne finishing sixth behind J.U.S.T., Polonia, George Cross, Slavia and Wilhelmina.

Success almost came in the pre-season

Ampol Cup competition where Polonia beat South Melbourne 1-0 in the final. John Macrae, the coach, took over that season with seven but he was way behind the league's top marksman Eddy Jankowski of Polonia who scored 21. More great players were recruited in 1964 and South Melbourne returned to winning form. Andreas Roussis from Greek First Division club Apollon moved into the team at centre-half. Peter Tsitsos took over in goal and won State selection and winger Jim Adam became one of the club's all-time greats. Ernie Ackerley also joined that year. He played two senior games with Manchester United before moving to Blackpool and finally to Fourth Division club Barrow before coming to Australia. Fitzroy-Alexander's goal keeper Sam Service (who later went to West Adelaide) switched to Hellas and winger Jimmy Pyrgalos was imported from Panathinaikos.

With the signing of Sam Service, another championship. This time Hellas won from George Cross, J.U.S.T. and Juventus. In the Dockerty Cup, the club was again

beaten in the semi-finals, this time by Slavia, 2-1 after extra time. A clearance from the goal was saved by winger Leo Damianakos of Greek Second Division club Kalamata in 1965. Damianakos had arrived the previous year but had sat on the bench for the entire season. The 1965 team was made up of John Anderson, John Bedford, Stratos Kalageros, Andreas Roussis, Sam Service, John Margaritis, Jim Pyrgalos, Boulis Kamboropoulos, Ernie Ackerley, Mike Mandalis and Leo Damianakos.

Con Nestorides was the greatest centre-forward Greece produced since the war and he starred with Greek national team and with AEK. When he joined Hellas at the age of 37 in 1966, crowds doubled immediately. With Nestorides captain-coach and with David Kelly and Victorian representative David High joining from Slavia, South Melbourne again won the championship this time finishing two points clear of Slavia with Hakoah and Melbourne in third and fourth positions.

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Boulis Kamboropoulos



Hellas great, striker Ernie Ackerley (left) is foiled with this sliding attempt at goal by the George Cross keeper.



Con Nestorides



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SOUTH MELBOURNE



Only the start

The revival of the South Melbourne Hellas team has come about through improved player performances within the organisational framework established by Len McKendry, who replaced Rafe Rasic as coach on Tuesday, June 28 this year.

"When all's said and done, it's the players, the lads out there on the field, who win games for you," said McKendry, the former Victorian Director of Coaching, State team coach, and Heidelberg, Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully Ajax coach.

"We've improved out of sight recently, but I want to stress that recent results are simply examples of the birth of a team. I put the media ballyhoo about championships and Cups right out of my mind. I've tried to give the team a method of play and to settle most positions in the side. Look, we haven't done anything yet. We're just starting."

McKendry is the man who gave credibility to the performances of the Victorian State team, the only coach to be involved in the winning of an NSL honor by a Melbourne-based club (Heidelberg's top-four success in 1980) and the man who coached Green Gully Ajax to a staggering 5-0 Ampol Cup final win this year against Heidelberg Alexander, accounting for Hellas 2-0 along the way.

Good spot to eat

Hellas secretary Nick Sagiaikos has taken over Mike Mandalis' Taverna at 1030 High Street, Armadale (509 7274) and offers all "Soccer Action" readers a 25 per cent discount on meals.

The Taverna is open from 6.30 pm, Tuesday to Sunday.



Len McKendry



South Melbourne Hellas. Back row: Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alan Davidson, Bobby Russell, Ken Murphy, Doug Brown. Front row: Charlie Egan, John Yzendoorn, Steve Wooddin, Carl Ha Laumets, Oscar Crino. Inset: Branko Buljevic. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Great coaches, great players, a legacy of success

(From page 7)

However, the appointment of top coach Lou Brocic, who was later to coach Kuwait's national team, paid off and Hellas finished in third place behind Croatia and Polonia and won the 1969 Ampol Cup by beating Croatia 2-1 with Frank Micić scoring the first goal and Damianakos converting a penalty. Micić, the long-serving J.U.S.T. star, had switched to South Melbourne but was to return to J.U.S.T. after only one year. Another five Greek imports came in 1969 and again the committee was to regret it. Taylas played one and a half games, and Kalogirou made a few appearances, but Asimomitis, Panagiotou and Panagiotopoulos were not good enough. All five returned to Greece at the end of the season. South Melbourne finished in seventh place with only 21 points, behind Footscray, J.U.S.T., Juventus, Wilhelmina, Croatia, Hakoah and Lions.

In 1970, Hellas concentrated its funds on recruiting local players, having learned by its past mistakes. Centre back Steve Walker came from Lions for \$3500 and striker Jimmy Armstrong from Hakoah for \$6000. They went on to become two of South Melbourne's all-time greats. Ulysses Kokkinos returned from Greece, where he had failed to live up to his luck. His return cost South Melbourne \$2000. Goalkeeper Tim Augar, a son of Gert Gould and full back Alan Etherford, who went on to represent the State, were imported from England. Brocic returned to lead the club to its second successive Ampol Cup victory but he quit soon afterwards, leaving the job to former Polonia and Victoria champion Vic Janczyk. But 1970

was the year of Juventus and South Melbourne had to be content with fifth place.

South Melbourne's bid for the title in 1971 was hampered by the loss of Kokkinos who returned to Greece yet again midway through the season. Kokkinos started 1971 in great style scoring three goals in the Ampol Cup and two in the State team's match against Toyo Kogyo of Japan. Perhaps Kokkinos would have had the goal difference necessary for South Melbourne to win the title. Making a welcome return to the team after having spent most of the season on the sidelines was Ernie Ackerley who scored four valuable goals in the last four games... two of them against Footscray in South Melbourne's 3-2 victory against the 1971 champion Big Tom Clarke, one of the most robust strikers in Australia. He also found form towards the end of the season, scoring Slobodan Zoraj of J.U.S.T. as the only two players to score four in one match that year. Jim Armstrong was South's top scorer with 13. Jim Pyrgolios won the Bill Fleming Medal as Victorian Player of the Year.

New coach Bill Curran, who had done most of his coaching with juniors, introduced two excellent young full backs to the team in 1972, namely Giovanni Batticciotto, 16, and Bill Hasapis, 17. Peter Bourne was imported from English club, Bury, to link up with Ian Marshall in midfield. Bourne and Marshall became key players in the Victorian State team. In his debut for South Melbourne against Juventus in the first round of the 1972 Ampol Cup, Bourne scored one of his team's three goals and was best man on the field. However, South Mel-

bourne had an unsettled team during the Ampol Cup and finished second last in its group. George Cross, with John Gardiner in superb form, led the league for most of the 1972 season. However, Jim Armstrong was scoring goals galore. Bourne and Marshall were brilliant in midfield. Bedford and Walker were improbable in defence. South Melbourne stayed with George Cross all the way and finally in the 21st round took over in first place. It managed only a scoreless draw with Juventus in the last round while George Cross beat Austria 2-1. This left the top two clubs tied on 35 points each but South Melbourne took the title on goal difference. Armstrong, with 17 goals, was top scorer in the league and Bourne finished runner-up to John Gardiner in the Rothmans Medal voting.

In 1973, one of Victoria's foremost forwards, Bill McIntyre, switched to South Melbourne after the club he had served for

so long was expelled from the V.S.L. Paul Little, a promising young forward from Altona City, also was tried out. But South Melbourne again fared badly in the pre-season Ampol Cup, losing all three of its group matches. Andy Bozikas, who later was to move to Heidelberg United, started his senior career that year. After 21 rounds, George Cross and South Melbourne were tied on 29 points with George Cross ahead on goal average. Both clubs won their last-round matches as well but J.U.S.T. had two games in hand. It won both - 1-0 against Juventus and 2-1 against Melbourne to win the title on goal difference.

But Heidelberg took its run of bad luck to clinch the title in 1974. Young Arthur Xanthopoulos had by now established himself, and new men in the team were Andy Savage from Scotland, Nick Nechvold from Adelaide, Kokkinos, who was back for yet another stint and occasionally Ron Smith, who was later to become Victorian Director of Coaching and assistant manager. With Armstrong scoring regularly and Bourne dominating the midfield, South Melbourne led the field for most of the season to win the championship with 33 points, four more than runner-up George Cross with J.U.S.T. third and Heidelberg United fourth.

Armstrong, with 22 goals, was top scorer in the league. The great Jimmy Mackay joined South Melbourne from Hakoah, Sydney, in 1975. Chris Katsikatos stepped up from reserves to take a place in defence. South Melbourne reached the Ampol Cup final only to be beaten 1-0 by J.U.S.T. and Armstrong, with five goals, was equal top-scorer of the series. After the Cup, rightback Mike Pyre

transferred to South from Wilhelmina. Paul Murphy, who had been runner-up to Armstrong in the goalscorers' stakes, was recruited from George Cross after South Melbourne's poor showing to the 1975 league season. Howard Andrews from South Africa was another newcomer. Murphy failed to reproduce the goalscoring form he had shown at George Cross but South Melbourne managed to improve nevertheless. But the improvement was insufficient and Hellas had to be content with second place behind Heidelberg United (then called Alexander) and fourth by former South boss Mano Pouliakakis.

However, there was consolation in the Deckerty Cup which South Melbourne won for the second year running. In 1974 it had beaten Wilhelmina 4-1 in the final with goals by Marshall, Armstrong, Nechvold and Bourne. In 1975 it won the Cup by beating tenacious Sunshine City 2-1 with a goal by Mackay and a penalty by Armstrong.

Peter Ollerton (\$9000 from APIA) and Duncan Cummings (\$10,000 from Melbourne) were South Melbourne's star recruits early in 1976. Appropriately, the strengthened team started the season by winning the Ampol Cup beating J.U.S.T. 4-1 in the final. Ollerton notched a hat-trick in that match and with a total of seven goals was top scorer of the competition. Miltiades Hagegeanou established himself as left back during the 1976 season. Melbourne went on to win the championship by a massive nine points from runner-up J.U.S.T. Mooroolbark was third and George Cross fourth. South Melbourne also claimed an unofficial Australian championship after having beaten NSW champion St George.



Jim Pyrgolios

in a home and away tie drawing 1-1 in Sydney and winning 2-1 in Melbourne with goals by Kalafatidis and Hagegeanou, a victory inspired by the brilliance of Jimmy Mackay in midfield.

The 1977 season saw the start of the nation-wide Philips Soccer League. South Melbourne, Footscray, Heidelberg United and Mooroolbark United were among the clubs that joined the inaugural competition. South Melbourne, transfer-listed champions Steve Walker and Jim Armstrong claiming they were "too old", and it lost Peter Bourne and Jimmy Mackay. This took the backbone out of the team and not even recruits of the calibre of Jack Reilly, Ian Gibson (both from Heidelberg), Billy Rogers (APIA), Chris Kent (Wilhelmina), Anton Dosen (Hakoah), Tony Garrett (Essendon Croatia) and Graham French could change that. French had been bought from Mooroolbark because he had been top scorer in the State League in 1976, but he failed

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URNE HELLAS

Anezakis—I knew Len was the man!

The Leo Anezakis story reads like a script for a Hollywood future film of the 1950's. You've all heard the one about the battling immigrant who defies all odds to eventually climb to the top of the tree.

The migrant myth of Australia being the promised land hadn't been unmasked when Anezakis arrived here in 1959. Indeed, his tale suggests paradoxically that myth may be touched by an element of reality.

Just one year after Anezakis arrived here from his native Salonia in Greece as a qualified toolmaker with a Diploma in Engineering, he had become the first European to be appointed foreman of the toolmaking department at Ford Australia's Melbourne plant. Four years later he married, bought a farm in Green-



Leo Anezakis

borough, sold it after a further four years, and started his own company, Lanez Engineering Pty Ltd.

The successful businessman climaxed his success as a soccer club administrator later last year when he was elected to the presidency of South Melbourne Hellas at the Greek giant's annual general meeting.

Anezakis played two trial games with Salonia Salonia then played for the Greek Second Division club Ment between 1955 and 1958. His first Australian club was Yarra Park but he was un-

happy playing in the reserves so he switched to Hellenic to play alongside good friend Alex Nanos. Theo Marmaras was president of Hellenic at the time and when Hellenic, Yarra Park and South Melbourne United amalgamated to form South Melbourne Hellas, Anezakis became a staunch supporter of the new club.

But it took until 1975 for Anezakis to become actively involved in committee affairs. He had taken his eldest son, Emanuel, to Hellas to play in the under-10's. The junior president at that time, George Lekatsas, wanted to resign and he recommended to senior president Sam Papasavas that Anezakis be appointed president of the junior with Peter Dourios vice-president. Papasavas agreed.

Anezakis was voted onto the senior committee when the National League was formed in 1977 and also took over as team manager. In his long term as team manager, which only ended last year when he became president, he worked alongside six coaches — Manny Poulakakis, Kotsi Xanthopoulos, David Marmaras, Duncan Mackay, John Margaritis and Tommy Docherty.

"Poulakakis is a cool man and he knew a lot about the game. He was a good coach but a bit too soft on the players. And some of his ideas were a bit old-fashioned," said Anezakis.

"The committee asked Manny to resign a few games before the end of the 1978 season and Kotsi Xanthopoulos took over as caretaker coach. Then we approached Dave MacLaren from the Westpac organisation and he accepted the job.

"Dave still is a very good friend of mine. He's a top personality and he had two very good years at Hellas. It's a pity he left because he was a good coach. He had also had trouble with Peter Olleront and Jack Reilly and he had to get rid of them. Olleront was a difficult player to control. Reilly was critical of MacLaren and I didn't like that so I told Hellas to get rid of him."

"Duncan Mackay took over for about 10 games. He wanted to run the team his way and he was pretty strict. His last game was against Canberra at Canberra. On the flight back to Melbourne he told me that he was very dissatisfied with the team. He said he wouldn't come back to Hellas unless we gave him a two-year contract but we didn't even have time to negotiate because he didn't turn up at the next training session. I think he had lost his heart for the job."

"John Margaritis took over for the last few games of the 1979 season. I respect John a lot. He knows that. He's a very good coach who thinks a lot about tactics and

\$425,000 THE TOP BUDGET

South Melbourne Hellas' biggest annual turnover since becoming a founder member of the NSL in 1977, was \$425,000 in 1981, the year the team finished second in the league.

Hellas' turnover last year was \$398,000. The reason for the large 1981 figure is the bonus scheme for the players. That scheme gave them incentive money for every week they were on top of the league.

The man with his finger on the financial pulse of the club is George Vassilopoulos, 32, who has been treasurer since 1978. He works as an accountant for the Westpac organisation and came to Australia from Kalamata in southern Greece in 1964.

"I played a few games with the Hellas juniors but I never amounted to much. My ambition, after I didn't make it as a player, was to join the committee," said Vassilopoulos.

He remembers the glory days of the great Con Nestoridis, the fabulous Greek striker who packed the terraces when he played for Hellas in the 1960's.

"Then we had huge crowds. The Greeks and the Italians still are here but

they've grown a bit wiser. They won't come unless they know that the standard will be first class.

"My personal opinion is that the NSL should remain as it is — just one league, but get more Melbourne and Sydney teams into the league. Then we'd have more local derbies and that's what we all want to watch."

Vassilopoulos is part of a strong, 15-member committee, under the presidency of Leo Anezakis. Other committee members are:

Nick Sagiakos (secretary); Bill Georgantis (vice-president); George Karageorgis (vice-president); Chris Kritopoulos (assistant secretary); Chris Papas (assistant treasurer and ground manager); Nick Collins (public relations); Simon Karas (assistant public relations); Steve Giannou (social committee president); Peter Dourios (junior president); Chris Kanas; Aris Vassilakidis; Peter Skrapetis; and Peter Koutsoheras.

plans hard for every game. I felt sorry seeing him worrying so much about what he was going to do for every game. He certainly put his heart into the job. John was very disappointing when the media started talking about Tommy Docherty coming over from him. He was too proud a man to work as an assistant to anyone, let alone someone with the reputation of Docherty. If Hellas wanted to get rid of John Margaritis then he should have been told to his face. Someone on the committee simply didn't have the guts to tell John and used the paper to pressure him for the chop. Don't get me wrong. John had to go. He'd been there for a few years and he had lost control with some of the players. Jim Shirra, John Stevenson, Bertie Lutton and Grant Turner were giving John a hard time which didn't help his situation.

"At Hellas, if you can't discipline the players when you're putting your head on the chopping block. Players don't sabotage the coach. He doesn't himself off, if he can't control the players.

"I had a few arguments with Docherty but so what. I had a great time as team manager while he was there. I really enjoyed his company and I still do. Every time we play Olympic up in Sydney he always makes me feel very welcome. He's a great

character. And he can win games for you too. Make no mistake about that. I think he left Hellas because he didn't like Melbourne that much. Most of his friends are in Sydney. There were a few people at Hellas who didn't understand the man and that didn't help him to settle in here."

There also were a few people on the Hellas committee who didn't understand Leo Anezakis last year. He was blamed by some committee members for the team's lack of success, a slur which forced him to resign after the last NSL match of 1982.

"I was disappointed at the whole team performance last year. Then some people on the committee started blaming me. I resigned but the club didn't tell the newspapers so, in the end, I had to send a telegram to Sam Papasavas making my resignation official."

However, Papasavas resigned from the presidency of the club last November and along with the bulk of the committee, recommended to the members at the AGM that Anezakis become the new president. Anezakis received a unanimous vote of approval.

"When I took over Rale Rasic already had been appointed as the new coach. He had a big name and I thought that he could do the job. But

after we lost a few games, I changed my mind. I just knew that Len McKendry could do the job. I had heard good reports about him from players he had coached and I was well aware of his outstanding record with the Victorian state team, Heidelberg and Green Gully. He was the one for the job in my opinion. And all the players respect him. That's very important. He's strict when he has to be but the big thing with him is that when a player asks him what is going wrong with the player's game, Len McKendry can give him the answer. McKendry doesn't just laugh and say to the player that the player is good enough to work it out for himself."

Hellas always has had the big spending club fraternity in Australian soccer, however, it is yet to win an NSL honor.

"Sure, we bought good players but players who had played very well for their previous club. We didn't look closely enough at whether or not these players were the right players for Hellas."

"I don't want to start talking about winning the championship, that's not it. Actually, I'll be happy if we finish in the top four. The players think that they will do very well in the Philips Cup. That's a good sign, but again, I'm not making any silly predictions."

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affair and subsequent coaching switches did little to enhance the spirit of the players and team-spirit was in tatters.

However, current number one goalkeeping choice, Peter Lamets, was bought from Preston Makedonia in 1979.

Hellas again was active in 1980 on the transfer market buying Branko Buljevic from Heidelberg for \$20,000 and Vibice Bannon from Frankston City. Sam Margaritis from Scotland, Tony Rogers from Sydney City and George Christopoulos from the reserves. This resulted in a respectable third position on the table behind champion West Adelaide and Sydney City. Fourth

Marconi.

McKendry, a former State coach, joined Juventus in State League, as did Hellas' team mate Mendo Risticovski.

McKendry was transferred listed by Hellas in March, after a turbulent six months in which he issued a writ against the club and was suspended for criticising Hellas in a "Scooter Action" interview. Munro joined Juventus in State League, as did Hellas' team mate Mendo Risticovski.

Hellas left the memory of its nigh-brash 1979 season well behind with a third in the 1980 PSL, reaching the semi-finals of the top four series.

John Stevenson, from Sydney City Hakoah and Jim Shirra from Scotland were Hellas' season, along with New Zealand international striker Steve Woodfin. And young Socrates Nicolaides, a junior product, was on the verge of establishing himself in the first team. Hellas finished 2nd in the league, its highest finish to date in the national competition.

Charlie Egger, that will o' the wisp, goalscorer, joined Hellas early in 1982, scoring a hat-trick in his first game for the club, against Croydon in the Ampol Cup. Hellas won that match 6-0.

Grant Turner, a hard-hitting, hard-talking midfielder from New Zealand, also joined but returned to NZ part way through the season

after disputes with coach Margaritis and the committee, and indefinitely.

Optimism ran high after Hellas defeated arch rival Heidelberg 2-1 in the Ampol Cup final. Egan nabbed the winner in extra time. Everyone at the club was talking about winning the National League but player unrest and the eventual exit of Margaritis, after Tommy Docherty's appearance, ended any chance of winning the championship. Hellas finished 6th in the league and made an early exit from the Philips Cup, going down 5-4 on penalties to Heidelberg, the eventual runner-up.

Docherty rejoined Sydney Hellenic, the team he had coached in 1981, at the end of last season and Rale Rasic was appointed coach for this season. Sam Papasavas stepped down as president to concentrate on his role as NSL chairman. He was replaced as president by Leo Anezakis, the former team manager.

Earlier this season, under Rasic, there again was a feeling of euphoria around the club. Doug Brown was signed from Preston Makedonia, in a swap deal cash deal involving George Campbell. Ken Murphy was signed from Melbourne Croatia, Oscar Crino from Tung Sing in Hong Kong, Bobby Russell from Adelaide City and John Yzendoorn from Heidelberg.

Hellas was knocked out of the Ampol Cup by Green Gully Ajax, losing 2-0.

Docherty had bought Carl Halford from Frankston City in 1982, and the bustling little midfielder has proved a scoop signing so far this season.

Rasic was sacked by Hellas after a horrific stretch of seven successive losses. Len McKendry, the former Victorian Director of Coaching and state team coach, took over with the team in 12th spot on the league ladder.

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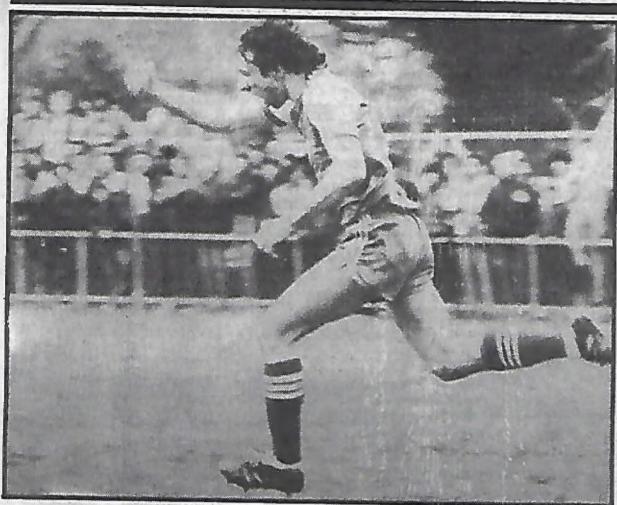
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Ajax defender David Hogben (left) celebrates his first State League goal, and what a priceless one it may turn out to be. Ajax's clash with Sunshine-George Cross on Sunday was a fiery affair as shown at right by this sliding tackle on Kit Grechan by combine defender Steve Richardson. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



HAIL HOBGEN!

SUNSHINE-GEORGE
CROSS 0 GREEN GULLY
AJAX 1 (Hogben 82nd) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:
Contini 7 — Richardson 6, Holly 7, Scerri 8, Taylor 7 — Stevenson 7, G. Bennett 7, McCann 6, Pate 6 (inj). Kerr 73rd — Glider 6, Bain 6 (inj). McMillan 67th. Coach: Tommy Trebilcot.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: McKenna 7 — Peter Lewis 6, Short 7, Cannell 7, Hobgen 8 — Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Williams 6, Williams 6, McClelland (inj). Grechan 22nd, 61, Pate 6 (inj). Coach: David Smallman.

David Hogben probably scored his most important goal of the season but a significant feature of the deciding moment in this Maltese derby was the fact that it was Ajax midfielder Jim Williams who sent Hogben down the left in the 82nd minute.

The combine defence had moved too far forward and was fully exposed, particularly down the side. Hogben raced on past, Gerry Bennett could afford to ignore any resistance but the force of the young Ajax left back was too much.

Once Bennett was beaten only goalkeeper Alan Contini stood in Hogben's way. Contini came out of goal but Hogben

calmly stroked the ball under him and inside the near post. And Ajax had won a battle only made colorful by the fans and some crude challenges from players on both sides.

How referee Sam Zoumas could book just one Ajax player in the first half while cautioning three Sunshine-George Cross culprits was almost beyond belief. Carl Glider fouled Stuart Cannell and was booked. Roger Bain fouled Cannell and was booked. Gerry Bennett charged into Peter Boyle's back and was booked. And Ajax's Willie Vassallo was booked for refusing to heed Zoumas' warning to stay 10 metres away at Norrie Pate prepared to take a corner.

What about Bobby Toal's challenge on Chris Taylor in the 15th minute? And a flailing of arms and legs by Peter Boyle with Taylor as the target in the 22nd minute? No. Mr. Zoumas didn't bring out his yellow card for these offences. Strange.

Boyle's daction appeared to be a direct result of Steve McClelland's misfortune. McClelland, imported from Scotland this year and appearing in the starting line-up due to the injury and illness of the coach, David Small-

Praise must be given to Steve McKenna who took over in goal in place of injured Ajax regular Lou Denys. McKenna was tested a couple of times in the air but responded well and the combine's best chance, a John Stevenson drive in the 50th minute, was well tipped wide by McKenna.



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Croydon final hurdle for Green Gully?

Green Gully should overcome one of the last major hurdles on its path to the championship when it is confronted by Croydon at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

And while Croydon is going down, Polonia and Box Hill should defeat Hellas and Morwell respectively to again open up the race for fourth spot and a place in the State League Cup.

Croydon strikers Joe Sweeney and Peter Loughnane may have done their club's cause irreparable damage by being sent off last week. However, the team can be reshuffled with Mike Terry coming in on the right wing, Mark Brown pushing forward into midfield and Steve Irvine playing up front. That leaves one striking position vacant and it will be filled by either Nolan or Ian Loughnane.

Still, an undemanded Croydon surely won't upset Ajax's bandwagon which started to roll when it beat Croatia 1-0 at Olympic Park, gathered momentum when Juventus downed Croatia and kept on the right track with last Sunday's narrow win over Sunshine-George Cross.

Polonia would bridge the one point gap between it and Croydon as Gedo Kirovits' team faces Croatia at Olympic Park No. 1 and looks destined for defeat. However, Ian Tuffield's heading ability is sure to pose Croatia problems, especially in the absence of suspended stopper Sean Parton. I expect hard-hitting George Hannan to depature as stopper with Ante Bilavac taking over Hannan's customary full back spot.

Polonia gets its chance to record its second win in four weeks when it hosts bottom-of-the-league South Melbourne Hellas at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. Polonia hammered eight goals past Hellas the last time they met but the current form of the Polish-sponsored club suggests that a repeat is unlikely. Polonia will win. Perhaps.

Box Hill probably put in its

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 DOVENTON 1 (Bartlett 30th) at Middle Park, Saturday.

THANKS, 'BADGER'

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Turridis 4 — Postecoglou 6, Kalafatis 7, Anazakis 6, Verdaxis 7 (inj. Petrasen 60th) — Bekaritis 6.

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If suspended Doveton midfielder Bill Buchanan hadn't stood next to me during the second half and given me the pleasure of his witty exchanges with his team mates then God knows, I may have ended up in the Hellas restaurant all afternoon watching the races.

You've guessed right. This was not spine tingling stuff.

An Essendon (of Windy Hill and not Triestina fame) supporter spied my little transistor at half time and kept in touch, via me, with the demolition of Carlton during the second half of this game. I'd like to publicly thank him and "Badger" Buchanan for keeping my eyes open.

The goal that settled this issue came from aggressive Colin Bartlett in the 30th minute. Andy Millar, who had a fine game, made a diagonal run to the right and received the ball. He floated in a cross to the near post and Mark Turridis, who has to learn that the six yard box is supposed to belong to him and him alone, stood on his line as Bartlett executed a neat and effective back header from three metres out.

The best chances before that goal, fell to Doveton's Bartlett and Hellas midfielder Chris Bekaritis. Bartlett slid down to knock the ball wide and not long after Bekaritis got clear but had his shot well charged down by Paul Corke.

Second half chances fell to Ian Stirton, Duncan Cummings and Stirton again. Stirton headed over from a Bartlett cross (the youngster finally had got one after numerous tries). Cummings was put through by Jim Kambolis but Sean Keogh smothered well, then Cummings staggered the 70 spectators by coming off his line and sliding at Stirton's feet after the Doveton striker had been put in the clear by John Dowie.

AMETCO PLAYER AWARDS

S.G. Cross v G.G. Ajax: 3 Williams (GGA), 2 Scerri (SGG); 1 Hogben (SGG).

Albion v Box Hill: 3 Bala (A); 2 D'Sylva (A); 1 Smart (A).

Hellas v Doveton: 3 Watson (D); 2 Millar (D); 1 McLeod (D).

Juventus v Wilhelmina: 3 Incantalo (J); 2 Hirt (J); 1 Cullen (J).

Fawkner v Polonia: 3 Anselma (F); 2 Tuffield (F); 1 Fattore (F).

Croydon v Croatia: 3 Adams (Croatia); 2 Kastner (Croat); 1 Wade (Croat).

Morwell v Northcote: 3 Young (M); 2 Moore (N); 1 Bingham (M).

PROGRESSIVE VOTES:

32 — Moore (Northcote); 26 — Cummings (Croatia); 24 — Hirt (Croat); 21 — Kalafatis (Hellas); 20 — Tuffield (Fawkner); 19 — Peter Lewis (Ajax); 16 — Cumming (Croatia); 15 — Smallman (Ajax); 13 — Brogan (Croatia); 12 — McGuinness (Morwell).

LEADING SCORERS:

23 — Paul Lewis (Ajax); 16 — Cumming (Croatia); 15 — Smallman (Ajax); 13 — Brogan (Croatia); 12 — McGuinness (Morwell).

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Hellas.....	1	4	17	21	58	6

INTER SPORTSWEAR

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Hillmen humbled by rampant Rovers

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Ferrie 17th) BOX HILL 0 at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8 - Gales 9, Hannan 8, K. Doyle 8, Stuart 7 - Reilly 8, A. Bennett 7, Douglas 8, D'Sylva 9, Smart 8, Ferrie 8, Coach: Hugh Murray. BOX HILL: McIlroy 8 - J. Roodhouse 7, Gabrielson 6, Brown 6, A. Roodhouse 5 - K. Valeen.

Forget the scoreline. This was one of Albion's most convincing efforts this year and success was achieved without Eddie Gray, Bill McIntyre, Frank MacLeod, Ron McIvor,

Peter Dickson, Graham Williams, Chris Ogden and Merko Karapatos, all either injured, suspended, or sacked, and all newcomers to the club this season.

Simply put, Box Hill never was in the hunt. Albion ran all over the Hillmen in the first half and was denied from going in with a four or five goal half time lead by some fine saves from Eddie Gray, Bruno McKinlay, and by the upright that stopped a fierce Kenny Smart drive from about 12 metres. Had Smart scored it would have been a fine goal. His shot came after a superb solo run in which he beat three opponents.

Smart and fellow forward Mike D'Sylva tormented a Box Hill defence which was exposed as cumbersome at times. At times the Box Hill looked brittle at the front, its strikers Peter Vecchia and Paul Priestly were well held in check. Man-of-the-match, young Brian Galea, tagged Vecchia while Keiron Coyle shackled Priestly.

Pedro Ramos and Richard Miranda still were unavailable for Box Hill due to injury. They give skill and bite to the Hillmen in midfield and in the air. They were doubtless have been cast over the depth of coach Bill Murray's first team squad. Ramos, Miranda, and Brian Keenan, also recovering from injury, will play tomorrow (Thursday) in a training match at Wembley Park against Mike Lynn's Metro First Division outfit, Melbourne. The game kicks off at 6.45pm.

The goal which decided this Selwyn Park clash came in the 17th minute. Bennie Ferrie exposed the inexperience of the Hillmen's defensive wall when he slammed in a fiercely driven free kick from 25 metres.

Vince Bannon had to be replaced due to injury in the 17th minute. On came Kevin Swinson into centre midfield with Ged Bannon dropping back to right back.

A long throw from Zinni in the 30th minute led to Juve's second goal. Incantalupo challenged in the air for the ball, which fell between him and a defender. The Hillmen's keeper was quicker to react, striking a first time shot into the far corner to make it 2-0.

Right on half-time, Ken Stewart broke down the left, beat Ged Bannon, and hammered a low shot into the far corner from a very acute angle, exposing Fantoma, as had Pena's free kick.

Zinni restored Juve's two goal cushion in the 52nd minute when his pace carried him clear into a one-on-one with a defender to make it 3-1. Two minutes later Incantalupo completed his hat-trick. Cullen made a great break down the right, beat a defender, then carefully chipped the ball to the post where unmarked Incantalupo headed into the unguarded goal.

The highlight of the remaining play came in the 81st minute when Cullen concocted the most amazing miss of the year. He raced through the middle, got clear by playing a one-two with Incantalupo, and was unable to make it 3-1.

The Wilhelmina keeper raced off his line and oink a swing at the ball but Cullen blocked Nyholm's attempt to kick clear, and with the goal at his mercy, gently rolled the ball wide.

— MICK O'BRIEN

Fawkner keeps climbing

FAWKNER 3 (Anslem 10th, 92nd, B. Sabidussi 73rd) POLONIA 2 (Petrov 20th, A. Czapnik 35th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

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Mezey Hungary's new boss, Celtic signs two

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Georgy Mezey, 40, is the new national coach of Hungary, succeeding Kalman Meszely who was ousted after Hungary's shock defeat in the European Championship by Denmark.

Nyilasi

Hungary's first big export transfer for many months has come. Tibor Nyilasi move from Ferencvaros to Austria Vienna for around \$300,000 with Vienna Nyilasi will team up with Herbert Prohaska who came home from AS Roma.

189 banned

The Hungarian Pools fraud trial and investigation go on and on. A total of 38 clubs have been heavily fined, 189 players from the Second and Third Divisions have been suspended for periods ranging from one to five years. Biggest player named to get a five-year stretch is Lajos Kocsis, now 35.

Engels out

Cologne and West German international midfielder Stefan Engels is likely to miss the first six weeks of the new season following a serious knee operation.

U.S. crisis

The 12-team North American Soccer League is once again battling for survival. New York Cosmos are worried about Warner Communications, the option Seattle Sounders and San Diego could be up for sale. Team America has not clicked and only two of the three Canadian-based sides, Vancouver Whitecaps and Toronto Blizzard, seem to be in a happy state.

New rule

As from the start of the new season in England players can no longer expect to be automatically ordered off for committing a professional foul which prevents a goal being scored. FIFA has indicated that Britain would be cut

off from the rest of the world should it fail to bring its interpretation of the laws in line with FIFA's. But the English FA has worked in England. For statistics show a total of 5627 goals were scored last season — 351 more than the previous season and by far the highest total for 15 years.

Ajax catch

Holland's top side, Ajax of Amsterdam, is still smarting over the loss of Johan Cruyff, play for Juventus in Melbourne.

World Cup

Italy, France and England have all made application to stage the 1990 World Cup finals.

Rummenigge

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the Bayern Munich and West Germany star, has scotched rumours he will try his luck in Italian soccer, despite approaches from Torino and Florence. The idea gained

Bye-bye Fillol

The 13-year association between Argentina World Cup hero Ubaldo Fillol and River Plate has ended.

Having been dismissed by River, for what its president termed "10 years of misconduct", the 40-times capped goalkeeper signed with Argentinos Juniors.

Juniors, whose main claim to fame is as the club where Diego Maradona started his rise to stardom, are now back among the Argentine's also-rans and appear incapable of providing Fillol with opportunities to increase the contents of his trophy cabinet.

Ironically, he spurned many chances of earning a fortune in Europe after the 1978 World Cup finals — preferring to remain loyal to River Plate!

During that Mundial, Fillol produced many crucial saves, as Argentina captured the game's most coveted trophy.

Dynamic goal poacher Mario Kempes may have inspired more headlines, but Fillol was named Argentina's "Footballer of the Year" soon after.

Four years later, he was one of the few Argentines to come back from Spain with reputation intact.

Guarding the goal of "Los Milionarios", he gained winners' medals for both major domestic titles — the Metropolitan Championships and National League. Only The Cape Libertadores has eluded the 33-year-old. — PAUL MOON

Soren Lerby, Piet Schrijvers and Wim Kieft. The club has partially filled the gaps by buying Austria Vienna star Felix Gasselich. Last season Gasselich scored 15 goals from the midfield.

van de Korput

Dutch international sweeper Michel van de Korput has returned to Holland after five years in Italian soccer with Torino. Several Dutch clubs, including Feyenoord, are interested but Torino's asking price of around \$800,000 will have to drop considerably before any business is transacted.

Bannon

Dundee United's Eamon Bannon celebrated his wife's present of twins by scoring two goals in the Scottish Premier League Champions 4-0 win over West Ham. Eamon's brothers Pat, Vince and Ged

gained from Rummenigge had spent a holiday in Italy where he partnered Florence forward Giancarlo Antognoni on the tennis courts.

Stielike

Speculation that Uli Stielike, the West German star, would return home, have ended after he signed a new two year contract with Real Madrid. Stielike, who joined Real in 1977, has been voted three times Spanish Footballer of the Year.

Arsenal

Arsenal have grabbed a striker valued at \$160,000 for nothing. Colchester's 22-year-old winger Ian Allison, their top scorer over the past three seasons, was freed in error, so Terry Naill nipped in to beat near neighbours Fulham for his signature. And Coventry have paid \$140,000 for transfer-listed Terry Gibson.

Watford

Watford have suffered a shattering blow with the news that their new \$350,000 midfielder Paul Atkinson from Oldham broke an ankle in a friendly with Reading and will be out until Christmas.

Armstrong

Gerry Armstrong has moved from Watford to Spanish side Real Mallorca for \$450,000 on a two year contract which will net him \$240,000.

Kenny Burns

Kenny Burns, the former Scotland international defender, is presently out in the cold. Now with Leeds United he finds manager Eddie Gray — an old Scotland colleague — has no plans for his future at Elland Road. But Burns, on loan to Derby last season, has two years of his current contract left and demands at \$1,500 a week plus benefits and that commitment is soaring off several clubs interested in the former Nottingham Forest star.

Celtic

Celtic, after having splashed out \$170,000 for Motherwell striker Brian McClair, have spent \$190,000 on another scorer, 24-year-old Jim McIlroy, a former Scotland under 23 international, joined Leicestershire three years ago for over \$500,000 from Partick Thistle, then moved for half of that figure to Coventry last year.

McGee joins Bristol

Former Eire international striker Paul McGee who was expected to turn out for Juventus or Footscray JUST earlier this year, has been signed on a month's trial by Bristol City of the English Fourth Division.

Informed by Burnley during the 1982-83 season that he was surplus of requirements, McGee appeared for League of Ireland team Dundalk on loan during the latter part of the campaign, but did not sign a permanent contract. — PAUL MOON

End of oldest series

The decision of the English Football Association to cease competing in the Home International Championship after 1984 will almost certainly terminate the game's oldest international tournament.

The English federation's secretary Ted Croker said: "This step has been taken because England cannot fit in fixtures against all the other home countries and also play top teams such as West Germany, Italy and the South Americans."

Started in 1883, the series has long outlived its usefulness at least to England and Scotland, whose supporters are no longer excited by the prospect of seeing familiar freshmen and Welshmen wearing their countries' colors.

This year's England v. Wales and Scotland v. Northern Ireland fixtures drew attendances of 24,000 and 16,000 respectively.

As well as the meagre crowds, the Home International Series has been noted for poor, uninspired soccer by jaded, disinterested players in recent years.

The Welsh and Irish federations have expressed their objection to England's withdrawal, but Scotland is also expected to pull out.

The world's oldest and most international international rivalry will continue however as the annual England v. Scotland fixture has been retained as an integral part of the soccer calendar.

— PAUL MOON



Rudi Gutendorf



Grant Turner

Gutendorf 'spat at ref's feet'

By PAUL MOON

Having lost the first game 0-2, New Zealand lined up for its return clash with Fiji at Prince Charles Park, Nadi, two days later. It was more a brawl than a game, with the Kiwis winning 1-0.

Players of both sides appeared more interested in kicking and punching than playing soccer and it was miraculous that only two players were sent off — Tony Kaboboro for persistent fouling and Sydney Olympic's Ricki Herbert for swearing. The unlucky Herbert was seen breaking up a fight immediately before his dismissal.

Fiji coach Rudi Gutendorf too fell foul of referee Gopalan Kanna.

The former Socceroo boss rushed onto the field at one stage and is alleged to have feigned to throw a punch at the referee, and then to have spat at his feet.

Kanna said he would be reporting Gutendorf to FIFA.

Fiji's coach found an unlikely ally in his New Zealand counterpart Allan Jones, who described Kanna as "Incompetent, unfit, incapable of refereeing adequately at senior level, let alone an international. He completely lost his head."

Jones added however that he considered Gutendorf's attitude to be "diabolical".

New Zealand won the "game" 1-0, with a Kenny Cresswell goal in the 25th minute.

Gutendorf described Fiji's 2-0 victory in the first game as "one of the highlights of my 20 years in international football".

Showing uncharacteristic discipline and determination, particularly in defence, Fiji thwarted the Kiwis, who totally dominated the first 40 minutes on a waterlogged and wind-swept National Stadium in Suva, but could not breach the locals' resolute rearguard.

Goals by Tony Kaboboro, who ironically failed to make the grade with New Zealand club Christchurch United last year, in the 44th and 72nd minutes, sank an All-Whites combination which displayed its frustrations with a series of violent fouls.

Unfortunately, unsavoury incidents were not confined to the actual match. Shortly after the final whistle sounded, ex-South Melbourne Helias midfielder Grant Turner is alleged to have punched Fijian manager Jahir Khan as he walked onto the pitch to congratulate his players.

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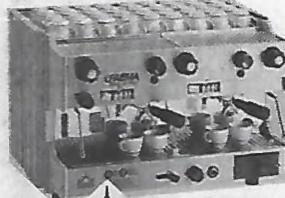
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FAWKNER E TRIESTINA IN AVVINCENTI INSEGUIMENTI

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Il campionato di State League ha almeno una nota molto positiva per i tifosi italiani e, ci si accusi la modestia, ha confermato quello che dicevamo da molto tempo e che abbiamo ripetuto più volte nelle ultime settimane: il Fawkner con il brio dei suoi giovani, primo di tutti Anselma che da spalla di Tuffield l'anno scorso era stato relegato in panchina per far posto ai "grandi nomi", può aspirare al quarto posto in campionato e quindi a partecipazione del potenzialmente lucrative torneo "top four" a fine stagione.

Domenica gli azzurri hanno fatto un passo in avanti avversando Pomona con il punteggio di 3-2 ed era proprio Anselma, su suggerimento di Tuffield, a segnare la rete iniziale e quella della vittoria.

Pecatto che il Fawkner, troppo ambizioso per il suo bene, ha impiegato la gran parte di un campionato per capire che quello che aveva in casa era molto meglio di quella che è andato a comprare. Tuffield che aveva dovuto lavorare per molto

tempo come un negro non trovando l'intesa con i suoi nuovi compagni di squadra, e' ora tutto un altro giocatore da quando gli hanno riaffancato il suo "gemello" Anselma con il quale dialoga cos' bene; e fra i due non esiste alcuna gelosia poiche' l'una e' pronto a sacrificarsi per far segnare l'altro.

Per questo binomio che l'anno scorso ebbe il merito maggiore della vittoria nel campionato della prima divisione e della promozione in lega statale, e' sara' probabilmente questo binomio ricostituito a guadagnare al Fawkner un onorevolissimo quarto posto.

Ma non bisogna pero' farsi prendere da facili entusiasmi nemmeno in questo frangente, poiche' la strada della squadra azzurra da qui alla conclusione del campionato non e' delle piu' facili: le ultime quattro avversarie con le quali fare i conti sono Croatia, Green Gully, Ringwood e Northcote.

Di questi quattro, Ringwood puo' essere considerato un cliente facile, il Northcote e' uno di tutto rispetto, mentre Croatia e Green Gully sono da considerare impossibili. Sulla carta perci' ci sono almeno tre punti.

Il Croydon, che ora precede il Fawkner di un punto in classifica, dovrà incontrare Green Gully, Ringwood, Northcote, Box Hill: almeno quattro punti da considerare gita in tasca. Il terzo in comodo, il Polonia che si trova ad un'indennita' dal Fawkner, dovrà vedersela con Hellas, Doveton, Albion, Rovers, Croatia: anche qui almeno quattro punti piuttosto scontati.

Se queste previsioni risultassero indovinate avremmo il seguente punteggio finale: Croydon 29, in quarta posizione, Fawkner e Polonia 27 (una monta del Northcote, ora a quota 22, sembra impossibile perche' questa squadra rischia di non vincere alcuna altra partita dovendo incontrare Juventus, George Cross, Fawkner, Croydon mentre il Box Hill ha possibilità di qualche punto in più, ma sempre insufficiente per colmare il vuoto già esistente).

Il Fawkner perci' per avere delle serie possibili, dovrebbe strappare almeno un punto dai due incontri con il Croatia e il Green Gully (e non lo riteniamo del tutto impossibile) e battere il Northcote: questo significherebbe cinque punti da portarlo a quota 29 solo per vedersi beffato da un quoziente reti di molto a favore del Croydon che si aggiungerebbe così l'agognato quarto posto, e rimane che sperare perci' che oltre al Green Gully, Northcote o Box Hill battano il Croydon e quella delle due che non lo batte riesca almeno a pareggiare.

Tutta una serie di risultati che debbono andare a favore del Fawkner per dargli la grande possibilità. Tutto e' per ora ancora possibile, ma sarebbe una beffa enorme per le due squadre italiane di Melbourne in State League se i punti che l'una ha tolto al Croydon non si trasformassero del titolo alla Juventus ed il quarto posto al Fawkner.

Qualunque il risultato finale, il Fawkner potra' sicuramente essere orgoglioso del suo rendimento alla prima avventura

in campionato statale e dovrà fare il "mea culpa" per non essere riuscito ad andare ancora piu' su.

PER LA TRIESTINA IL BIS APPARE IMPOSSIBILE

La vecchia gloriosa Triestina, che aveva cominciato il campionato in modo non del tutto soddisfacente, e' cresciuta alla distanza ed ora si trova nella possiblita' teorica di fare il "Bis" vincendo il campionato di prima squadra e quello delle secondi.

Il compito delle riserve e' molto piu' facile di quello della prima che dovrà rimontare due punti (in due partite) all'attuale capolista e farsi largo fra una massa di cinque squadre che matematicamente hanno ancora possiblita' di primato: Geelong (a quota 29 deve ancora incontrare Rosanna e Rosebud), North Geelong (a quota 28 deve ancora incontrare Hawthorn e Keysborough), Corio (a quota 27 deve ancora incontrare Karingal e Hawthorn) e Triestina (a quota 27 deve ancora incontrare Ferntree Gully e Mooroolbark).

Le possibilta' future della squadra sono infinite perche' opera nella zona "italianissima" di Oakleigh-Clayton dove e' l'unica rappresentante del calcio italiano e quindi ha una grande comunità sulla quale far presa e dalla quale ottenere il sostegno necessario per adiarsi verso l'alto del calcio locale. Su questo particolare condizionamento, il Westhall e' una delle poche squadre minori italiane ad avere una buona ragione di esistere ed una zona d'influenza grande abbastanza per assicurarle un buon futuro.

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Teniamo a ricordare ai tifosi alabardati che il club organizza una cena danzante per sabato 17 settembre presso la Riviera Receptions of North Melbourne. Se non tutti se ne potrebbe celebrare uno, ma in ogni caso ci saranno un ottimo campionato, l'inizio di un futuro migliore. I biglietti costano \$20 per soci e giocatori e le rientranze possono esser-

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ALTRI TITOLI ALLE ITALIANE

Di tutte le altre squadre italiane nelle varie leghe del Victoria, il Westhall ha già la certezza matematica di vincere il campionato trovandosi in vantaggio di 10 punti sulla seconda classificata con solo quattro partite rimaste per la conclusione della stagione.

Il ruolino di marcia della squadra italiana e' ancora piu' eccezionale: se si considerano queste cifre 22 partite giocate, 20 vinte, due perse, sei segnate 91, subite 32, punti 40.

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La Juventus, avendo maneggiato il gran colpo e con l'annata magra delle riserve puo' puntare le sue speranze sulla U/18 che condivide il primato in classifica con l'Heidelberg United.

LA JUVENTUS POTREBBE PRENDERSI LA RIVINCITA

La Juventus ha fatto una passeggiata contro il Ringwood e domenica, vincendo per 4-1 e Margaritis ha finalmente deciso di tirare fuori uno dei

quattro attaccanti (e' toccato a French che pero' e' entrato nel secondo tempo al posto dell'infortunato Zinni).

Senza Pat Bannon e con Vince Bannon uscito dopo solo un quarto d'ora dall'inizio della partita, si sono creati dei piccoli scompensi in difesa e il Ringwood riusciva cosi' a segnare la rete della bandiera. Non e' stata una grande partita ma il risultato di 1-1 e' tale da non fare una piega. In cantalupo ha fatto una buona partita mettendo a segno una tripletta ed anche Zinni era in gran forma realizzando la rete del quattordicesimo giornalista. Per la Juventus ora non e' rimasto che la gran rivincita della "top four" e ci auguriamo che tecnici e giocatori si stiano preparando adeguatamente per essa.

Il Morwell sta ormai andando avanti a forza d'inerzia ed ha pareggiato in casa con il Northcote.

LA LEGA SI FARÀ... E LA SEDE DELLA JUVENTUS ANCHE

Negli ultimi tempi, a causa di una impennata della federazione del N.S.W., sembrava che il raggiungimento accordo per la regionalizzazione della lega nazionale il prossimo anno fosse andato a morte.

Niente da preoccuparsi pero', perche' la situazione e' rientrata nella normalita' e l'accordo definitivo dovrebbe essere raggiunto ad una riunione delle parti interessate che avra' luogo questo sabato.

Ieri sera, mentre questo giorno andava in macchina, si svolgeva a Brunswick la riunione pubblica indetta dalla Juventus per spiegare a tutti gli interessati le condizioni dell'accordo con il Comune di Brunswick, i piani e il modo di finanziamento della nuova sede. Al momento di scrivere perci' la riunione era ancora da farsi, ma non prevedevamo alcuna difficolta' nella realizzazione del ambizioso progetto. La prossima settimana daremo tutti i particolari.

U.S. girls on tour



The visiting American girls under-15 team and the Victorian girls under-15 team pose for this photo before their clash at B. J. Powell Reserve in Halton Road, North Dandenong last week.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

NEDOSTIZNA MAKEDONIJA I FANTASTICNI "PLAVI"

Kao sto smo predviđeli JUST je razbio miler protiv neugodnog Wollongonga, koga je prvi put pobedio, dok je Makedonija pretrij klijenu igraču donela tri zlatna boda iz Kanbera. O igri Makedonije malo znamo dok pisemo ove redove, ali sve to nije važno pred cijenicom da se preko noci opovara posle teškog poraza, da su svi njeni suparnici ponosnici.

Posebna prica jeste pobeda "plavih" nad borbenim Wollongongom, koji ima dva najopasnija navalna igrača u Nacionalnoj ligi. Dovoljna je bila jedna ne-paznja odobrane odbrane da povede na 3:0. Taj gol je proučio, ali nije "plavi" bio prvi, a poslije i drugi. Wollongong je srećan koliko je tezak sto nije primio duplo više golova. Gordon Vardareff je bio u hiru njihovog tima, jer je nekoliko puta odbranio lopte koje je svakog video u mreži. Kapitulirao je tri puta pred najboljim igračem ovog susrete. Jamie Paton je postigao "hattrick", koji ga je vino u vrh strelaca sa 9 golova, svega dva manje od Sopera, iako je odigrao duplo manje utakmica od mnogih igrača Nacionalne lige. Ovaj odabreni reprezentativac bogato se isplatio JUSTU.

Medutin, nije samo njegova zasluga sto je JUST prebrodio kružu na vremenu, iako je zakasio da se bori za prva cestri mesta, možda za samu par poeni. Steta, jer "plavi" igraju lepo i korisno kao u najboljim danima. Nekoliko akcija, koričen krov u trećem golu, ne vidišu se cesto na utakmicama svjetskih timova.

Paton je junak ovog susreta, ali bliku na sredini terena dobili su Vlatko Belić i Sulejman Curović. Prvi je stizao sru svih 90-minuta. Jedini minus su mu dva promasena gola, naročito drugi sa dva metra. Curović je do odmora razbijao tude i gradio svoje akcije sa velikim uspehom, ali se na kraju loš snasao u ulozi klasičnog beka. Istina, cuvao je opasan i iškusan Ray Cotton, koji je zavio u crno mnoge odbrane.

Ste je vise igra odlimčala, toliko se pobojavala forma svakog igrača u "plavim" dresovima. Ipk, steta je sto nije igrao Igor Hazzabent zbog opelikovina na licu. Zdravko Živković igrao svega 20 minuta, sto je bilo dovoljno da izradi dve idealne sanse, od kojih je jedna dovela do trećeg gola.

Najteži preporuk "plavi" prekasnu iduce nedjelje 4. septembra u Brisbanu, gde docekuje zahvalnik Brisban City, koji se probio do sestog mesta, a prosle nedjelje preigrao je Olympiaca sa 3:0 ured Srednja. Jedno je vazio, da nadasnji sastav JUSTA postuje svakog protivnika, ali ne plasi se ni jednod. Od sada pa do kraja prvenstva "plavim" će igrati uvek za pobedu, ali nece obradovati "plavim", ali će zadovoljiti navijace u svim gradovima Australije. Narcotic u Brisbanu, gdje su na celu sa Duskom Tadicem doziveli doziveli teško razmazanju na početku sezone, ali ovog Lutje i drustvo obecavaju ugodno iznenadjenje.

MADEONIJA docekuje na svom igralistu Brisban LIONSA, koji je u posljednjem priliku da se obzebedi nedostizna salina bodovala kada je prvenstvo, koga će nesumnjivo biti dramatičan. Duge zvanične grage, kao sto su George McMillan i Claude Lucchesi, moguće će biti samo posmatraci ovog puta, jer tim koji dobija ne treba se menja bez velike nade.

ALTONA GATE IZVAN OPASNOSTI

Altona Gate/VARDAR — Frankston Pines 0:0. Vardar je mogao, sa vise sportske sreće, da dobije ovu utakmicu, ali je zadovoljan sa jednim bodom, koji je izdvojio u posljednjim 10 sekundama. Vardar je u jednu pravu sancu, dok je Fred Bellar pogodio stativ i dva puta izbio pred odigrivog golmana Ivanova, ali ga nije bilo golmana Ivanova, koji je vratočimom padom njegov opasan sut u donji levi ugao sprecio da zatrese mrežu. Rezerva Vardara pobedila je 3:2. U

subotu 3. septembra Altona Gate igra u gostima protiv West Suburbsa, koli se bori za vrvo mesto.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

Drugi tim JUST — Keilor/AUSTRIA 2:0 (1:0). Skoro slajući, bez velikog problema, "plavi" romantičiraju se sa svišću goste, koji se nazive ispred njih na tabeli. Navala se prenosi u sru i sasna je propala. U predigri rezerva Dandenong City pobedila je Makedoniju sa 5:1. Pocasni gol postigao je Mijo Sopolevski. U subotu 3. septembra drugi tim Makedonija igra na svom igralistu protiv Ardeera.

Dimitrijević 3, Adam Miller, Miki Cvetković i Tome Đimovski. Najbolji igrači: Slobodan Dimitrijević, Alex Micevski i Veljko Dupor. Rezerva je pobedila sa 4:1 (1:1). Strelci: Pavle Oračević i Andrija Stresnjak po 2 gola. U subotu 3. septembra Vojvodina igra na svom igralistu protiv Moe Uniteda.

University of Melbourne — Pascoe Vale/PELISTER 3:4 (3:3). Tesna, ali zaslužena pobeda Pelistera, koji je primio jeftine golove zbog nesigurnih golmana. Već u 1 minuti Kone Avramovski brzoploje je ubiočio loptu u sopstvenu mrežu, pa je do kraja igra nervosno i desigurno, tako da drugi gol Crandine nosi dusi. Strelci: Peter Petkovski i Marko Stojanović. Angelo Graspić, Jani Bogović i Miroslav Djordjević je postigao prvi gol u ovom sezonu. Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:3, dok su juniori ispod 11 godina pobedili u gostima West United sa 1:0. Strelac George Pritzovski. U subotu 3. septembra Pascoe Vale/Pelister docekuje na Cole Reserve Burnley.

USPAVANI PLAVI DUNAV

Diamond Valley — Parkmore/PLAVI DUNAV 5:1 (2:0). Posto su nedelju dana ranije pobedili sa 9:0, igrači Plavog Dunava pomisili da je po njihovim imenima će fudbalski svet. Medutin, otrezno ih je Diamond Valley, koga su u prvom delu sezone pobedili sa istim rezultatom. Posto gol postigao je Bojko Biro, koga je identično postigao Robert Erdég u 80. minuti. Kad stanja 3:0 na domaćem Mireševu, Biro je sa bele tace promasio ceo gol. Najbolji igrači Robert Erdég, Antal Ambroz i Mihajlo Djarmat. U subotu 3. septembra Plavi Dunav docekuje Dingley.

AMATERSKO PRVENSTVO

Salesian College — CRVENA ZVEZDA 2:1 (0:0). Prvola golova mogla je biti duplo već, ali svaka pukla nije ušljata. Strelci: Dragan Mileković 2, Aca Đorđević 2, Goran Šimić 2, Peter Krnić 2. Ljubi Stojanović, Zoran Krnić i Petar Perović 1. Rezerva je pobedila da se neporazom domaćim 3:0 (2:0). Strelci: Goran Šimić, Dragan Mileković, Duško Radulović i Nikola Babić. U nedelju 4. septembra Crvena igra protiv Labora na Come Prku.

BOSNA — ASSYRIAN EAGLES 9:0 (6:0). Osrednja igra protiv slabog protivnika. Strelci: Branko Aleksić 5, Branko Gavran 2, Milivoj Bošković 2, Bojan Šimić 1, Petar Perović 1. Trener Bošne Muhamet Šibic, koji je odigravao opštinsku ligu u Šibeniku, je učinio nešto neobično, da se na ovu sezonu, za četvrtu mesto, igra smireno i sigurno, tako da je zasluženo osvojila dva vazona boda u borbi za treće mesto, koje drži Cheltenham. Strelci: Slobodan

Ballarat.

BALLARAT ZA DRUGO I TREĆE MESTO

Hampton Wanderers — BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO 2:2 (1:1). Golove su postigli Milan Stojilović u 5. i Petko Tomic u 51. minutu. "Plavi" iz Springvile igraju sa pola snage, posto su obezbeđivali prvo mesto u trećoj prvenstvenoj diviziji. Najbolji igrači Petar Đekić, Marin Basic i Dragan Janjić. Rezerva je zato osvetljala obraz, jer je postigla rekordnu pobedu od 15:0 (10:0). Strelci: Zdravko Dabice 6, Šime Rukavina 5, Joe Francistić 2, Goran Veljović i Nebojsa Dragović. U subotu 3. septembra Bratstvo/Jedinstvo docekuje na imanju Jugoslavenskog radničkog centra West Geelong/Makedoniju.

Clarendon — Altona/VOJVODINA 4:6 (4:5). Vojvodina je lepo pocela i povelja sa 4:1, ali je obdrana naglo potpuno prekinuta. Strelci: Šime Rukavina 3, Šime Rukavina 2, Šime Rukavina 1. U drugom poluvremenu Vojvodina je igrala smireno i sigurno, tako da je zasluženo osvojila dva vazona boda u borbi za treće mesto, koje drži Cheltenham. Strelci: Slobodan

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SOUTH MELBOURNE

V

SYDNEY CITY

MIDDLE PARK.

K.O. 3 pm

Previous Results

'77	0-0
'78	3-0
'79	1-2
'80	1-2
'81	1-3
'82	2-2



KEN MURPHY
(South Melbourne)



JOE WATSON
(Sydney City)



ZARKO ODZAKOV
(Preston)

PRESTON V BRISBANE LIONS

CONNOR RESERVE,
RESERVOIR K.O. 3 pm

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NIGEL LOWNDS
(Brisbane Lions)